

# Walking With God

## Loving God, NOT The World

### 1 John 2:15-17

The Mission of the World System is to Derail YOUR Walk With God...

The New Testament uses the word, "WORLD" Three Different WAYS.  
(Acts 17:24, John 3:16, 1 John 2:15)

Today, John points out some DANGERS for Christians who fall in Love with the WORLD.

#### 1. CHARACTERISTICS OF THE WORLD SYSTEM (v.15)

- The World System Is OPERATED By Satan (1 John 5:19)
- The World System Is OPPOSED To Christ & Christianity (1 John 2:16)
- This World is Diametrically Opposed to God & His Plans & Purposes. (John 15:18-19)
- Because WE were Once PART of this World, we should be more Compassionate toward Worldly People & their Need for Jesus.

#### 2. CONSEQUENCES OF LOVING THE WORLD SYSTEM (v.16)

- Three REASONS why "Loving the World" is a DANGER to our Relationship with God.
  - 1.) Loving The World DESTROYS Our Fellowship With God. (v.15, Romans 12:2)
  - 2.) Loving The World DENIES Our Faith In God. (v.16)
  - 3.) Loving The World DISCOUNTS Our Future With God. (v.17)
- WHY Do Christians Get ENTANGLED With The World?
  - 1.) They become FRIENDS With The World. (James 4:4)
  - 2.) They get SPOTTED By The World. (James 1:27)
  - 3.) They begin LOVING The World. (1 John 2:15)
  - 4.) They become CONFORMED To The World. (Romans 12:2)
- HOW Can We OVERCOME The World?
  - 1.) Through The PLEDGE Of Faith In Jesus. (1 John 5:4-5)
  - 2.) Through The PRESENCE Of The Holy Spirit. (1 John 4:4)
  - 3.) Through The POWER of God's Word. (1 John 2:14)
- "Am I Overcoming the World OR is the World Overcoming me?"