

Love God and One Another—Not the World - 1 John 2:7-17

Topics:

Affections, Culture, Desires, Ego, Eternal Life, God, God's Will, Happiness, Joy, Life-style, Love, Lust, Needs, Obedience, Peer Pressure, Pride, Relationships, Satisfaction, Self-esteem, Sin, World

Reflection Questions

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Scripture, Background and Context Questions

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2. How are claiming to be a Christian and loving one's fellow Christians related? (2:9-11)

II. Determine to Grow Spiritually (2:12-14 NKJV)

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III. Determine not to Love the World (2:15-17 NKJV)

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Understanding It Questions

11. How do we love the world and the things in it?

12. What things in the world are you tempted to love?

13. What would you categorize as "the cravings of sinful man"?

14. What would you categorize as "the lust of the eyes"?

15. What would you categorize as "the boasting of what he has or does"?

16. Why are the things and values of the world so enticing to us?

17. What worldly things or values do we substitute for God?

18. What does it mean to do the will of God?

19. How can we guard against adopting the values of the world?

20. From what worldly thing or value do you need to turn in order to pursue your relationship with God?

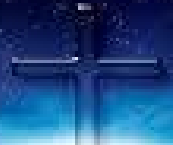
Life Application Questions

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Adult Questions for LESSONMaker.

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Welcome to Bible Study



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“Love God and One Another—Not the World”

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Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth (2 Timothy 2:15 KJV)

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Agenda



- Welcome and Introductions
- Prayer
- Lesson Topics
- Reflection Q's
- Lesson Intro
- Lesson Outline
- Scripture/Background/Context Q's
- Understanding & Life Application Q's
- News & Events
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Resources

➤ Holy Bible

➤ Participant Questionnaire/
Worksheet



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Prayer



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- Sick
- Bereaved
- Our Church
- Our Country
- The World



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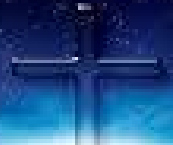
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Lesson Introduction



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Genuine believers not only commit themselves to obeying God (2:3), but they also have deep and sincere love for fellow believers. The Christian principle of love is “new” because believers’ ability to love one another is motivated by their love for Christ, who first loved them.

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- I. Determine to love like Jesus
- II. Determine to Grow Spiritually
- III. Determine to Resist Loving the World



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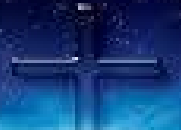
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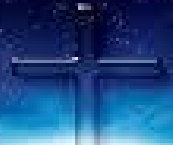
Daily Bible Study

Read and respond to the
following Understanding It
Questions:

#11 to #20



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*NEWS
AND
EVENTS*

Bible Study

Next Week's Lesson

Wednesday,
February 1, 2023

Mid-Day In-Person
@ 12:00 noon

Evening Virtual
@7:00pm via Zoom

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*“Warning Against
Antichrists”*

