

Do YOU know God? Love NOT the World

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Main Scripture: Revelation 21: 1; 1 John 2:15-17

Supporting Scripture: Galatians 5:19 -21; Matthew 5:28; Romans 1: 26-28; 2 Peter 2:14; Job 31: 1; Matthew 6:23; Luke 12:15; Ecclesiastics 2:10; Leviticus 26: 1; Revelation 3:17; Proverbs 17:1; Psalm 46:7, Psalm 10:3; 1 Timothy 3: 6; 3 John 9; Leviticus 12:19; 1 Corinthians 8: 2; Romans 2:19; Proverbs 25:14; Romans 12:16; Proverbs 26:12; Psalm 36:2; Luke 14:11; Romans 10:3; John 10: 27-28; Matthew 7: 22- 23; Matthew 6:24; Ecclesiastics 12:13

Recap:

1. keeping his commandments
2. Loving one another
3. remembering your spiritual growth

Test 4. Do you love the world

Love not the world or the things in the world...He that does the will of God abides forever.

John writes very clearly and forcefully that a person who loves the world does not know God and it doesn't matter how long we have been in the church or the position we have. John says if you love the world you don't know God.

This passage of scripture, three verses that prove if we know God. there are two types of persons highlighted - the professing Christian (1 John 2:15-16) and the obedient Christian that pleases the Lord by doing his will and because of that he is immortal by doing Gods will (1 John 2:17)

Two words to consider: Love and World

Love: Agape - unconditional self-sacrificial love

World: Cosmos - the earth and the heavens; the figurative of one's ambition of wealth power and prestige.

The world is deteriorating and will be destroyed.

Let's look at the actions of the man after the flesh, John says he follows after the world. Not crucified with Christ - he has not nailed the passions of his sinful nature to the cross.

3 Sins of worldliness :

1. Lust of the flesh
2. Lust of the eyes
3. Pride of Life

The obedient man has to conquer these three temptations.

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The professing Christian follows after the world. He lusts after the flesh, he has the pride of life and the lust with his eyes.

lust of the flesh - deals with our 5 senses and is the seat of desires and urges. The desire of the flesh has to be controlled by the spirit. If they are not controlled the flesh desires and lusts more and more. there are two times the desires are wrong 1. when it is forbidden by God example, sex is not wrong within marriage but sex before marriage is wrong, adultery is wrong and when we follow after the flesh to satisfy these desires we have displeased God. 2. Overindulgence example when we desire food and overeat until it harms our body it is wrong.

Galatians 5:19- 21

Any person/s who is guilty of the list in Galatians 19 will never inherit the kingdom of God. All these should be crucified with Christ.

The sins of the Flesh Paul lists a long list

- *Adultery* - sexual unfaithfulness or a desire in your heart
- *Fornication*- a broad word that includes sexual immorality, anything God has declared as lawful, everything outside of that is immoral
- *Uncleanness* - moral impurity - doing things that will hurt our life
- Lasciviousness - indecency, shamelessness - open and shameless indecency we act out our desires without shame
- *Idolatry* - the worship of idols (1 Corinthians 6:9) whether mental or physical the giving up of your primary devotion to something other than God
- *Witchcraft* - sorcery - the lust of the flesh where one seeks to control using evil spirits, palm reading, chrystals, astrology
- *Hatred* - hostility, a hatred that lingers and is held for a long time no love for your brother or sister.
- *Variance* - discord strife, contention, struggling, quarreling when you see this it means the flesh is alive. When one hates someone and will do anything to get what he is after
- *Emulation* - Wanting and desiring to have what someone else has it may be material, honor, wealth, or position.
- *Wrath* - an outburst of anger, explosive temper arose from stirred and boiling emotion, it fades away just as quickly as it is acted out
- *Strife* - conflict struggle fight contention
- *Seditious* - rebellion, division, standing against others.
- *Heresies* - rejecting the fundamental belief of God and the doctrine of the church is not upheld. Doctrines of men such as the resurrection are already passed.
- *Envy* - goes beyond jealousy - begrudges the fact that a person has things. The spirit that wants a person to suffer through the loss of things.
- *Murderer* - will take the life of another person, hates his brother
- *Drunkenness* - taking drink or drugs to affect one's control and restraint for bodily pleasure
- *Revelings* - taking part in wild parties or drinking parties lying around feeding the lust of the flesh.

Paul says these are the works of the flesh

The lust of the eyes - seeing and wanting to have what one sees - nothing is wrong with seeing things but when it becomes wrong when we see and desire in order to consume it on our lust and indulge in something forbidden

- Lust of the eyes for sex - Matthew 5:28; Romans 1: 26-28; 2 Peter 2:14; Job 31: 1
- Lust of the eyes after evil- Matthew 6:23
- Lust of the eyes after other peoples things [coveteousness]- Luke 12:15 - unsatisfied with what the Lord has given us
- Lust of the eyes after the pleasure of the world - Ecclesiastics 2:1 - if I see it I want it.
- Lust of the eyes after wine, drugs, and alcohol and other Gods - Leviticus 26: 1

Pride of life

Pride of life means primarily two things:

1. *self-centeredness* - life is all about himself and wants people to notice him. They seek attention through dress or rank or wealth. Seeks honor fame, luxury, and seeks to outshine others. Life is all about himself. He seeks importance.

2. *Self-sufficiency* - independence - I can take care of myself I don't need your help. He feels capable of handling life himself he takes a great deal of care and is concerned with his public image and ego and does not feel like he needs God. He can take care of himself. Arrogant, boastful, and feels superior to others in his ability to do things in life. Feels as if he is above others. He does not need anyone, others need him.

Sins of the pride of life - Revelation 3:17 a man who thinks he has everything but is really blind, naked, miserable, and poor

Proverbs 17:1; Psalm 46:7, Psalm 10:3 - there is a pride of position

1 Timothy 3: 6 warns against a novice for leadership
3 John 9

Pride of power - Leviticus 12:19

Pride of intelligence and knowledge - 1 Corinthians 8: 2;

Pride of being better - Romans 2:19; Proverbs 25:14; Romans 12:16; Proverbs 26:12

Pride of Self Glory- the individual who flatters himself - Psalm 36:2

Pride of self-righteousness - this is very easy for us to be self-righteous when we look back on those in the world and struggling and we boast and thank God we are not like them - Luke 14:11; Romans 10:3

You could be obedient for 1 year and got saved and lived a life thereafter in this world you are born to the world and have given yourself to the desire and power of the flesh and not reflecting the new creature.

Let us consider: "Am I just merely wearing a label, a tag to be seen of men?"

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John 10: 27-28 is the obedient man - hears the voice of Jesus and does his will. Jesus knows this man. This man may not be known by others but Jesus knows him because he hears his voice and follows Him. Jesus says such a man follows me who is not after the flesh. He has received wisdom from above. He understands that what John speaks about is that the world passes away. He knows what he sees here is just a practice run for the new life after this.

Matthew 7: 22-23

Big Question: "Is the love of the world present in our life?"

If we do love the world then we do not know HIM and the love of the FATHER is not in us. And if we don't have the love of the Father, we don't have the ability to do his will and cant do what he says. You can't have two masters (Matthew 6:24)

Jesus HELP US

Nothing else matters if we lose out on our divine purpose - the whole duty of man is to fear God and keep his commandments - Ecclesiastics 12:13