

# The Christian's Foundation: *Love and Truth*

## Lesson 4: Not Loving the World, and Recognizing Antichrist's in the World: 1 John 2:15 – 27

### **INTRODUCTION:**

In the first chapter and the first half of the second chapter of 1 John, we discovered four truths. These truths were:

- The First Truth: The Word of Life – The Lord Jesus Christ.
- The Second Truth: God is Light – We are to Walk in that Light.
- The Third Truth: Christ Keeps the Saints.
- The Fourth Truth: The Saint is to Keep His Commandments.

Now we will study the second half of 1 John 2, which will contain the next two truths in 1 John: Not loving the world and antichrists in the world.

### **I. The \_\_\_\_\_ Truth – Not \_\_\_\_\_ the World: Verses 15 - 17.**

***Verses 15 – 17 "(15) Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. (16) For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. (17) And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever."***

**A. Do not \_\_\_\_\_ the World: Verse 15:  
*Romans 12:2; James 4:4.***

**B. \_\_\_\_\_ that should not be \_\_\_\_\_ in the World:  
Verse 16:**

1. Lust of the \_\_\_\_\_: *Galatians 5:16; 2 Peter 2:10*
2. Lust of the \_\_\_\_\_: *Matthew 5:29*
3. Pride of \_\_\_\_\_:

**C. Do the \_\_\_\_\_ of God: Verse 17.**

## II. The \_\_\_\_\_ Truth - \_\_\_\_\_ in the World: Verses 18 - 23.

*Verses 18 – 23 "(18) Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. (19) They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us. (20) But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things. (21) I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth. (22) Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. (23) Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also."*

A. \_\_\_\_\_ of Antichrists: Verse 18.  
*2 Thessalonians 2:3 -4; Daniel 9:27.*

B. \_\_\_\_\_ of Antichrists: Verse 19.  
*Matthew 7:15.*

C. \_\_\_\_\_ for Antichrists: Verses 22 – 23.

## III. Not \_\_\_\_\_ for Antichrist by \_\_\_\_\_ God's Truth: Verses 24 – 27.

*Verses 24 – 27 "(24) Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father. (25) And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life. (26) These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you. (27) But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him."*

A. The Truth that \_\_\_\_\_: Verses 24 – 25.  
*Hebrews 10:23.*

B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit: Verse 26 – 27.  
*John 2:20; Acts 1:5; Romans 5:5; 1 Corinthians 6:19.*

## **CONCLUSION and APPLICATIONS:**

- The Fifth Truth: The saints are not to love the world.
- The Sixth Truth: There will be antichrists in the world.
- The saint is in the world but is not to be in love, or enamored with the things of the world. This can be the greatest struggle for the saint.
- The world has three attractions: The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life.
- The saint will struggle with the world only in this life. One day that struggle will be over and the world as we know it will be no more.
- This passage is not primarily referring to the Anti-Christ of the future but a different kind of antichrist.
- Antichrists are those who deny the fundamental teachings of scripture, particularly the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ and the existence of the Godhead.
- These antichrists will come from true congregations of believers but were never true believers to begin with.
- The saints can keep themselves from being deceived by knowing the truth of God's Word.
- The Holy Spirit will reveal to the saint, what is true and what is false doctrine.

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**IV. Soul Winning Requires Obedience to Christ**  
(Vss. 4-5; I Samuel 15:13-14).

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(Vss. 8-10a; James 4:6-10).

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