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Abide in Love: Do Not Love the World
1 John 2:15-17

I. Abide in Love: Do Not Love the World

II. What is Love (for John)?

1 John 2:15a, "Do not love the world..."

First, Love is _____.

Matthew 6:19-21

Second, Love is _____.

"Prosperity knits a man to the World. He feels that he is 'finding his place in it,' while really it is finding its place in him." C. S. Lewis, *The Screwtape Letters*, xxviii

Third, Love is _____.

"We tend by a secret law of the soul to move toward our mental image of God." A.W. Tozer, *The Knowledge of the Holy*

Psalms 115:2-8

Romans 12:2

III. What Happens When We Love the Wrong Things?

1 John 2:15b-16

ἐπιθυμία (epithumia)

Luke 22:15

Genesis 3:6

The Love of the World _____ our relationship to God.

1 John 2:17a

The world is _____, **God is** _____.

Revelation 21:1, 5

IV. Do Not Love the World

First, the way to correct _____ **love is with** _____ **love.**

1 John 2:17b

The Love of God _____ our relationship to the world.

Second, we get to _____ **love through** _____ **theology.**

Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1:

*Q. What is your only comfort
in life and in death?*

*A. That I am not my own,
but belong—
body and soul,
in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.*

Third, we can get to _____ **love through good**
_____.