

“Take The World”
John 15:19

Introduction:

1. Let's Begin Tonight:
 - By Turning In Our Bibles To:
 - John 15 - Where - At The Last Supper:
 - Jesus Warns His Disciples:
 - About The World!
 - And In 15:18-19:
 - Jesus Says:
 - “If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. / If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you!”
2. Now - Lets Consider These Words:
 - With The Words We Looked At Last Week:
 - From 1 John 2:15 - Where:
 - We Are Told:
 - To - “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!”
3. So - This Is A Good Summary:
 - Of What A Christian's Relationship:
 - With The World:
 - Should & Will Be Like!
 - The World:
 - Will Hate Us! And:
 - We Should:
 - Not Love The World!
 - “Neither The Things That Are In The World!”
 - After All - According To Jesus Himself:
 - Followers Of Christ:
 - “Are Not Of The World!”
 - Because - He Has:
 - “Chosen (Us) Out Of The World!”
 - 4. But What, Again, Is This World:
 - That We Are Warned About:
 - So Frequently:
 - In The New Testament Especially?
 - The World Is Portrayed As:
 - A Living Entity:
 - Made Up Of Everything:
 - That Draws Mankind:
 - Further And Further Away:
 - From God And His Will!
 - It Consists Of All Those Things:
 - In This World That:
 - Under The Direction Of The Devil:
 - Who Is “The Prince Of This World!”
 - Can Capture:
 - Our Appetites:
 - Through The “Lust Of The Flesh!” - And:
 - Can Captivate:
 - Our Affections:
 - Through The “Lust Of The Eyes!” - And:
 - Can Cultivate:
 - Our Ambitions:
 - Through The “Pride Of Life!”
 - 5. So - The World:

- Is Like A Tackle-Box:
 - Full Of Lures - Each One:
 - Designed To Appeal To & Entice:
 - Each Fish - According To:
 - Their Own Desires!
 - **IE**: Not Much Of A Fisherman - But Have Used Different Kinds Of Lures & Techniques For Different Kinds Of Fish!
 - And - The World Itself:
 - Is Like A Master Angler:
 - Trying To Gather Men Like Fish, To Consume Them!
 - Without Throwing Any Back!
- The World:
 - Is Also Like A Giant Magnet:
 - That Attracts & Draws:
 - The Sin That Resides In Our Hearts:
 - More & More To The Surface:
 - And Unto Itself!
 - **IE**: Like Those Giant Electro-Magnets In A Scrap-Yard - Once Its Turned On - Pulls & Draws Everything That It Can To Itself, For The Furnace - To Melt & To Make The Metal Into Something Else!

6. This Is The World!

- And - This Is Why:
 - We Need To Take The World:
 - So Seriously!
- And - Even Though:
 - The World That Jesus Warned Us About:
 - Is Not Merely Made Up Of:
 - The Physical & Material World:
 - Around Us - That God Created:
 - For His Glory & For Our Good!
 - The World Is Still Described:
 - As A Certain Kind Of Place:
 - That All Of God's People:
 - Have Been Chosen & Called Out From!

7. And So - Tonight:

- I Want Us To Take A Brief Tour:
 - Through The Gospel Of John:
 - To See What Kind Of Place:
 - This Wicked World Is!
 - Because - Of All The Gospels:
 - John Makes Use Of The Word:
 - Translated - "World" - In 58 Verses!
 - Which Is More Than One-Third:
 - Of All The Verses Of The NT:
 - Where You Will Find This "Cosmos!"
 - And - We Are Going To Do This:
 - So That - When We See The World:
 - We Will Know It - And:
 - Learn To Avoid It - Along With:
 - Its Enticement & Its Snare!

* So - One Of The First Places In The Gospel Of John:

- Where We Find The World:
 - Is Back In John 1:9-10:
 - Where - John Tells Us About Jesus:
 - "That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. / He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not!"
 - One Of The First Things:
 - That We Can Learn About The World:

- Is That - It Is:

1. ***A Place Of Daftness!***

- Now - I Use This Word:

- Not Only Because It Starts With A “D” - Like:

- All The Rest Of The Descriptions:

- Of The World That:

- We Will Look At Tonight!

- Though - That Is A Main Reason!

- But - Also Because:

- Of Its True Meaning!

- If You Were To Look Up - “Daft” - In:

- The American Heritage Dictionary:

- You Will See That It’s An Old:

- English & Scottish Word That Means:

- “Mad / Crazy / Foolish / Stupid!”

- I Remember My Own, Loving:

- Scottish Grandmother:

- Playfully Calling Us - “Daft Cuddies” - When We Were Teasing & Joking
With Each Other!

- And - A “Cuddy” Was Slang:

- For A Donkey!

- But - When It Comes To The World:

- Being “Daft” Is No Joking Matter!

- It Is Serious - Because:

- The World Does Not Recognize:

- The True Light That:

- Not Only Created It - But:

- Came Into It!

- In Other Words:

- The World Is A Place:

- Full Of Ignorance - About:

- God & The Things Of God!

- So - Why Is It, Then:

- That We So Often:

- Love & Gravitate Toward:

- The “Things That Are In The World?”

* Well - The Reason The World Is So “Daft” - Is Because Of:

- What We Find Next In:

- John 3:18-19 - Where:

- Jesus Told Nicodemus:

- “He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned
already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. / And
this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather
than light, because their deeds were evil!”

- So - The World Is “Daft” About:

- The Things Of God - Because:

- The World Is Also:

2. ***A Place Of Darkness!***

- And - A Place Of:

- Deep, Spiritual Darkness!

- And This Is Not Just Because:

- Of *What* Makes Up The World:

- But - Even *Who*:

- Makes Up The World!

- The World Is Dark:

- Because The Hearts Of People:

- Are Dark!

- **IE:** And So - The World Is Like A Fabled Black Hole - Where A Dying Star - Through The Power Of Its Gravitational Force - Draws & Sucks Away Anything That Comes Near To It - Including Light Itself!
 - And Yet - When It Comes To The People Of This World - “Men Love Darkness” - And Even:
 - Desire The Darkness:
 - Even Though - The World & Its Prince:
 - Is After Them To Destroy Them!
 - So - The World Remains:
 - A Place Of Darkness!
- And - This Description Of The World:
 - Is Found Elsewhere In John!
 - Like In John 8:12:
 - Where Jesus Adds - “I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life!”
 - And Again In John 9:5:
 - “As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world!”
 - And Again In John 12:46:
 - “I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness!”
- The Reason Why The World:
 - Needs The Light Of Jesus:
 - Is Because It Is:
 - A Place Of Deep, Spiritual Darkness!

* And - The Result Of This Darkness:

- Is What We Find Next In:
 - John 4:42 - After Jesus Spoke With The Samaritan Woman:
 - The Towns-People Made This Confession To Her:
 - “Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world!”
 - The Fact That:
 - The World Needed Then - And:
 - Still Needs Today:
 - A “Savior” - Means That:
 - The World Is Also:

3. ***A Place Of Desperation!***

- Because - Without A Savior:
 - The World & The People In The World:
 - Would Remain In:
 - Their Darkness Forever!
- **IE:** With Children - Often Use The Illustration Of A Life-Guard For Savior! What Does A Life-Guard Do - When Someone Is Struggling & Drowning In Water? The Life-Guard Goes Out To Rescue Them!
 - And So It Is With This World!
 - **IE:** The World Is Like A Giant Ocean Of Thick, Dark & Powerful Waves - Swirling Around & Sucking Men Deeper & Deeper Into Its Cesspool Of Sin! And - The Only Hope Is A Life-Line From Heaven! And - Jesus Is That Life-Line! That Heavenly Life-Guard! The “Savior Of The World!”
- In John 11:27:
 - Martha Recognized This About Jesus:
 - When She Made Her Own Confession:
 - “She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world!”
 - So - Jesus Came To Be The Savior:
 - Of A Daft & Dark & Desperate World:
 - Not As An Afterthought Or As An Impulsive Reaction:
 - But As Part Of God’s Eternal Plan To Rescue & Redeem The Helpless & The Hopeless In This World!
 - And So - To Be Rescued Yourself:
 - You Need To Continue To See:

- Just How Desperate We Are Too:
- In This Old World!

* And - Certainly - One Of The Reasons For This Desperation:

- Is What We Find Next In:

- John 6:32-33 - Where Jesus Told A Jewish Crowd:

- After Feeding The Five-Thousand:

- “Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. / For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world!”

- Now - The Only Reason:

- Why Jesus Would Need To Come Down:

- As The “True Bread From Heaven” - And:

- Bring “Life Unto The World!”

- Is If The World Was Then & Still Is Now:

4. *A Place Of Death!*

- How True This Is:

- According To Our Own Observation!

- The World Is:

- A Place Of Death!

- And Yet - Its Something That:

- Few People Consider:

- Until The Time Of Their Own Death Approaches!

- The World Is Full:

- Of Those Who Are Dying:

- Physically!

- Even In Just The United States Alone:

- Every Single Day:

- Over 6,500 People Die, By Various Means!

- That’s 270 Per Hour!

- 5 / Minute!

- And - That’s Just Our Country Alone!

- For The Rest Of The World:

- 2 / Second!

- And - We Know The Reason:

- For All Of This Death!

- Romans 5:12 - “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned!”

- And - As Tragic As:

- Physical Death Is - Even More Tragic:

- Is The Fact That:

- The World Is Full:

- Of Those Who Are Already Dead:

- Spiritually!

- And - They Just Don’t Know It!

- In Ephesians 2:1:

- We Are Told That:

- Before Salvation:

- We Too “Were Dead In Trespasses And Sins!”

- Not Just “Dying” In Our Sins:

- But - “Dead” In Our “Trespasses And Sins!”

- **IE:** So - The World Can Also Be Seen:

- As A Giant Mass Grave:

- That Feeds On The Spiritual Corpses:

- Of Mankind!

- Consuming Them Until There Is Nothing Left Of Them!

- And This Is Why:

- Jesus Was Sent To Bring:

- His Light & His Life:
- Into This Dark & Dead World!

* Of Course - Just As There Can Be:

- Indications Of Physical Death:
 - Like The Decay And Stench:
 - That Goes With It:
 - So There Will Be Indications:
 - Of Spiritual Death As Well!
- And - The Primary Indication:
 - If Spiritual Death Can Be Found In:
 - John 8:23-24 - Where Again We Are Told:
 - “And he (Jesus) said unto them, Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world. / I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins!”
- This Shows Us That:
 - The World Is:

5. ***A Place Of Defilement!***

- To Be - “Of This World” - Means:
 - That - “Ye Are From Beneath!”
 - Which Is A Depiction:
 - Of The Pollution And Contamination:
 - Of Sin!
- But - To Be - “Not Of This World” - Like Jesus:
 - Means That - He Was - “From Above!”
 - A Depiction:
 - Of Purity And Cleanliness!
- **IE:** And So - The World Is Like:
 - The Toxins & Pollutants That:
 - Were Recently Dumped Onto The Ground & Spewed Into The Air:
 - When That Train Derailed In East Palestine, Ohio!
 - And - Many Of Those Who Were:
 - Near The Disaster:
 - Were Exposed To The Pollution!
 - And - Most Likely:
 - Became Sick & Polluted Themselves!
- In The Same Way:
 - The World Is Polluted & Defiled:
 - By Sin!
 - Which Is The Atmosphere:
 - In Which Mankind:
 - Lives & Breathes & Pollutes:
 - Even More!
- And - The Only Way For Relief:
 - Is For Complete Cleansing!
 - And Yet - How Many Times:
 - Are We Content To:
 - Just Keep Breathing In The Polluted Air:
 - Of This Sinful World?

* And Yet - The World Still:

- Tries To Attract And Allure - Even Christians:
 - With Promises!
 - Like The Promise We Find Next:
 - In John 14:27 - Where Jesus Offers His Followers - “Peace!”
 - “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid!”
- The Peace That Jesus Promises:

- Is Entirely Different Than:
 - The Peace That:
 - The World Promises!
- And So - The World Remains:

6. *A Place Of Deficiency!*

- It Has No Power Or Ability:
 - To Fulfill Its Empty Promises:
 - That - In Truth:
 - Are No Promises At All!
- **IE:** We Often Take Medicine Or Vitamins:
 - When There Is Some Kind Of Deficiency:
 - In Our Bodies!
 - When Something That We Need:
 - Is Missing!
 - Well - One Of The Things That:
 - We Are Missing:
 - Because Of Our Sin:
 - Is True Peace!
 - Peace With God!
 - Peace With Others! And:
 - Peace In Our Own Hearts!
 - And - This Lack Of True Peace:
 - Is Part & Parcel Of This:
 - Old World System!
- And Yet - It Still Makes Promises:
 - To Its Inhabitants:
 - Of Peace And Joy And Pleasure!
 - But - Once A Person Is Lured By Those Promises:
 - The Trap Is Sprung, And The Prey Is Caught!
 - **IE:** Not Much Different Than The Mouse-Traps I've Used This Winter To Catch Over A Dozen Mice In Our Basement! The Promise Is A Sweet Treat Of Peanut Butter! But - The Promise Is Deceptive - And Once It Gives - It Takes - By Snapping Shut On Its Victim!
 - Are We Starting To See How The World Treats Its Own?
 - Not As Friends, But As Foes!

* Of Course - The Root Of All These Issues:

- Is The Relationship With:
 - The World - And - The "Prince Of This World!"
 - Which Jesus Tells Us About:
 - In John 14:30 - "Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me!"
 - This World Of Wickedness:
 - Has Its Own Prince:
 - Which Makes It:

7. *A Place Of Devils!*

- And Even - The Devil Himself!
 - The World Is His Domain - And:
 - Takes On The Nature & Character:
 - Of Its Prince!
 - And That's Why:
 - Back In John 7:7 - Jesus Also Says That:
 - "The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil!"
 - The World Is Evil - Because:
 - Its Prince Is Evil!
 - And So - The Overall Culture:
 - Of This World Is Not Improving:
 - To The Glory Of God!

- No - It Is Consistently:
- Devolving Away From God!

Conclusion:

1. And - Because Of All Of This:
 - The World Is A Place:
 - Of Great Danger:
 - For The People Of God!
 - Remember:
 - It Is Like A Monster:
 - That Will Do Whatever It Can:
 - To Draw You:
 - Further Away From:
 - God And His Will!
2. But - Even Though It Is Dangerous:
 - It Is Still A Foe That:
 - Has Been And Can Be:
 - Defeated - Through:
 - The Grace And Strength:
 - Of The Lord!
 - And - That Is What We Will Consider:
 - In The Coming Weeks!
 - But - For Tonight:
 - Remember The New Kind Of Relationship You Have With This World:
 - As A Child Of God!
 - John 15:19 - "Ye Are Not Of The World, But I Have Chosen You Out Of The World!"
 - So - Let's Not:
 - Love - Or - Live Like - Or - Look Like:
 - The World!
 - 3. Instead - Say With:
 - Fanny Crosby - As We Sang Earlier:
 - "Take The World!"
 - Take This Old:
 - Daft, Dark, Desperate, Dead, Defiled, Deficient, Devilish, And Dangerous World!
 - "But Give Me Jesus! All Its Joys Are But A Name! But His Love Abides Forever, Through Eternal Years The Same!"

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