

## *By This We Know...*

A Study of John's First Epistle | 1 John 2:12-17

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## **Do Not Love the World**

**The Main Point:** If you are in Christ, do not love the world or anything in it.

- Children, fathers, young men

A (12a-b)	I am writing	to you,	children,
B (13a-b)	I am writing	to you,	fathers,
C (13d-e)	I am writing	to you,	young men,
A' (14a-b)	I write	to you,	little children,
B' (14d-e)	I write	to you,	fathers,
C' (14g-h)	I write	to you,	young men,

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- ▶ Do not love “the world” or its things
  - Spotting a fraud, again
- ▶ “in the world” | desires of the flesh and eyes, pride of “earthly” life
  - Not from the Father
- ▶ Passing away, abiding forever
  - To set our hearts on the world and the things in it is to desire a temporary, earthly order that is fading away and has no eternal value instead of a permanent, heavenly order that is breaking in and will last forever.

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### Practicing the Truth

- ▶ How to **not** love the world
  - Proper affections—cultivating a love for God
  - Proper value—good things vs. functional Gods
  - Proper perspective—fleeting vs eternal

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