

# THE FIRST JOHN STUDY

## CHAPTER 2:12-17

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### THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

**“Things We Should Love to Hate”**

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### THE THEME OF THE BOOK:

#### **1 John 1:3**

“that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.”

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#### **1 John 2:12-17**

**12** I write to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake. **13** I write to you, fathers, because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you have overcome the wicked one. I write to you, little children, because you have known the Father. **14** I have written to you, fathers, because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the wicked one. **15** Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. **16** For all that is in the world-- the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life-- is not of the Father but is of the world. **17** And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

A school field trip took the fifth grade students to a local hospital to see just how a hospital works. After the tour a nurse asked the students if they had any questions about anything that they had seen that day. A hand shot up and the question was asked... “Why does everyone wash their hands all the time?” The nurse responded **“because we love to be clean so we hate germs.”**

God Has Called Us as Christians to Love what is Good  
and to Hate that which is Bad.

Psalm 97:10  
You who love the LORD, hate evil!

## Things We Should Love to Hate

It Has Been Said;  
We Should Love The Sinner, and hate the Sin

John 3:16  
**"For God so loved the world** that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Psalm 7:11  
...God is **angry with the wicked** every day.

**"I write to you..." "I have written to you..."**

## In Order To Build Them Up

2 Timothy 3:16-17  
All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

## Things We Should Love to Hate

1.) Because of What the World is

**This is the Kosmos**  
**the way of the world – the world system**

James 4:4

Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

## a.) This World is Under Satan's Control

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, 4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

Ephesians 2:2

in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,

## b.) This World is Under Sin's Influence

2 Timothy 2:25-26

in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, 26 and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.

## c.) This World is Under a Godless System

Man's government is in Power now

*...but not for long*

Hebrews 10:12-13

But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, 13 from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool.

Revelation 11:15

Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"

# Things We Should Love to Hate

2.) Because of What a Christian is

vv. 12-14

12.) I write to you, **little children**, because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake. 13.) I write to you, **fathers**, because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I write to you, **young men**, because you have overcome the wicked one. I write to you, **little children**, because you have known the Father. 14.) I have written to you, **fathers**, because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I have written to you, **young men**, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the wicked one.

a.) We Are Children of God - *by birth*

v.12

I write to you, **little children**,  
because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake.



**little children**

grk 5040 teknia (tek-nee'-on);

His darlings, His offspring (the Christian convert)

## The “Born Ones”

### “All Those Who Have Been Born”

John 1:12-13

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: 13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

Romans 8:16

The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit  
that we are children of God,

Galatians 3:26

For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

Often People Will Say, We’re all God’s Children

Romans 9:8

...those who are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God;

Luke 20:36

we are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.

## Tracing Your Genealogy

John 8:42-44

Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me. 43 "Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word. 44 "You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

## Verse 12

because your sins are **forgiven** you



**forgiven**

**grk 863 aphiemi (af-ee'-ay-mee);**

to send away. to remove, to cast off

**“He Has Taken Your Sin Away”**  
*and he has done it sovereignly*

Psalm 103:11-13

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; 12 As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. 13 As a father pities his children, so the LORD pities those who fear Him.

## Verse 12

for His **name's sake**.

**Our forgiveness of sin is Directly Connected to  
Who God is...**

# He Loves to Forgive His Children

Hebrews 7:25

Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

As Long as Jesus Lives,  
is as long as Your Sins Will Be Forgiven

b.) We Are Always Growing in the Lord - *by right* v.13

I write to you, **fathers**, because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I write to you, **young men**, because you have overcome the wicked one. I write to you, **little children**, because you have known the Father.

John Mentions Three Levels  
of Spiritual Maturity in a Local Church

**fathers... young men... & little children...**



**Fathers**

grk 3962 pater (pat-ayr');

one who's experienced, some one who has knowledge

because you have **known** Him who is from the beginning

## Things Associated With The

### Fathers

**they know God / they are skillful in the word of God / they are prayerful / they are emotionally grounded. / they are knowledgeable of the enemies tactics**

They Have Had Years With The Lord

Like the Best of Friends

They Have Spent A Lot of Time Together



young men grk

3495 neaniskos (neh-an-is'-kos);

a youthful, energetic one. a contender (under forty):

because you have **overcome** the wicked one

## **Things Associated With The**

### **Young Men**

**they know God / they are skillful in the word of God  
/ they are knowledgeable of the enemies tactics**



little children

grk 3813 paidion (pahee-dee'-on);

having little experience, immature, a child

because you have **known** the Father.

Knowing the Father  
is the all important quest of life

## **Things Associated With The**

### **Little Ones**

**they know God**

## **Baby Talk**

Babies Are Fun and Cute as Long as They are Growing

**But a 20 year old baby is a tragic site.  
And being Spiritually Retarded is Equally Tragic**

# If You Have Known Christ for 10 Years

has it been through 10 years of experience or 1 year of experience for 10 years?

c.) We Are Grounded in the Word - *by virtue* v.14

I have written to you, **fathers**, because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I have written to you, **young men**, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the wicked one.

The Bible;  
There is No Other Weapon that can  
Defeat Satan, His Demons and This World System

Ephesians 6:17  
and **the sword** of the Spirit, which is the word of God;

Psalms 119:11  
**Thy word** have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

Luke 21:33  
"Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away."

## Things We Should Love to Hate

3.) Because of What the World Does to Us v. 15-16

**15** Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. **16** For all that is in the world-- the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life-- is not of the Father but is of the world.

a.) The World Tries to Give us an Attitude v.15

Do not love the world

**He is not talking about the oceans,  
the mountains or the creation**

**but the attitude of the world**



A Worldly Attitude is Against the Things of God  
(thus, it is antichrist)

It's Attitude is  
whatever God represents is to be rejected

b.) The World Tries to Steal our Love for God v.15

or the **things in the world**. If anyone loves the world,  
the love of the Father is not in him.

The World System will do all that it can to lure us away

c.) The World Tempts Us in Many Ways v.16

For all that is in the world-- the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of  
life-- is not of the Father but is of the world.

## **The Worldly System Had Us Once – But It Lost Us to Jesus But It Tries to Talk Us Back**

Verse 16

the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life

#1

the lust of the **flesh**,

the seeking of pleasures in a bodily manner

1 Timothy 6:8-10

And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content. 9 But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

#2  
the lust of the **eyes**,  
is the seeking to own something like another  
in areas of sophistication and intellectualism

Psalm 119:37  
Turn away my eyes from looking at vanity, and revive me in Thy ways.

#3  
and the **pride of life**  
is the pursuit of control or power

## The image of the Person

The Pride of Life is the Reason for All of Man's Debts

Living to Impress Others;  
by what you own / by what you wear / by where you go  
(this is the reason for man's indebtedness to credit cards and banks)

James 4:1-2  
Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your **desires for pleasure** that war in your members? 2 **You lust** and do not have. **You murder** and **covet** and cannot obtain. You **fight** and **war**...

### Lesson #1 – Never Talk to Snakes!

Genesis 3:1-6  
Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?" 2 The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, 3 but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'" 4 "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. 5 "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." 6 When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree **was good for food** (lust of the flesh) and **pleasing** to the eye, (lust of the eyes) and also desirable for **gaining wisdom**, (lust of the pride of life) she took some and ate it.

# This Nature, Jesus Has Delivered Us From

2 Peter 1:4

by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Galatians 5:19-24

Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. 24 And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

Colossians 3:5-6

Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. 6 Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience,

Philippians 3:3

for we are the {true} circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh,

## Things We Should Love to Hate

4.) Because of Where the World is Going v. 17

And the world is passing away, and the lust of it;  
but he who does the will of God abides forever.

a.) This World System is Sentenced to Death v.13

And the world is passing away

**this world is dying**

**I Am Continuously Amazed** at the claims of the Evolutionist,

"That Evolution is Marching Onward and that we are near to finding the missing link."

**And what about the** Endangered Animal List?

if evolution is true, then let's kill the California condor, eat the spotted Owl and run over the Kangaroo rat in our SUV's

**In Reality,** The Evolutionary Theory is Scientifically Bankrupt and Intellectually Dishonest

## this world is dying

As a Person Begins to Pass Away  
there are some obvious Signs

apparent stress / a near violent attempt to stay alive

have you noticed the world's attempt  
to re-produce that which was new then old

1 Corinthians 7:31

...For this world in its present fashion is passing away.

Galatians 6:14

But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom **the world has been crucified to me**, and I to the world.

a Roman sentence could call for the  
dead to be tied to the living until the two became one...

b.) This World System is Unredeemable

v.17

## Just the Beginning...