

## 1 John 2:12-17

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### Do Not Love the World

#### I. Since you have this great salvation (12-14)

A. Children (12,13c)

B. Fathers (13a,14a)

C. Young men (13b,14b)

#### II. Reject the world that is opposed to God (15-17)

A. If you love the world, you do not love the Father (15)

B. "Things in the world" defined (16)

C. The world is passing away, but the Christian will live forever (14)

## Sermon Study Guide

(Reminder: The purpose of the questions is to explore the text and themes of the sermon. **Do not feel a need to go through all of the questions.** The goal is to stimulate discussion/reflection and transformation related to the sermon text and themes.)

1. In 1 John 2:12-14, the apostle addresses the church to provide assurance. Why is it significant in v. 12 that the forgiveness of sins comes on the basis of "his name's sake"?

2. What is the relationship in v. 14 between being strong, having the word of God abide in you, and overcoming the evil one? Does one of these things contribute or lead to the others? How might Ephesians 6:17b shed light on this passage?

3. According to v. 15, loving the world means we do not love the Father. This is a sober warning, so how can we channel the encouragement from verses 12-14 into a firm rejection of "the world" and "its desires"?

4. These things come from the world (1 John 2:16): the desires of our sinful nature, the desires for what we see and covet, and our boasting in possessions or status. How does John's declaration that all these things are passing away, but God and His children will remain forever, help us fight against these worldly temptations?