

The Love God Hates

*“Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him”
(1 John 2:15).*

Because of What the World Is

- “*World*” is used in three ways in the New Testament.
- John refers to *Satan’s system* in opposing the Lord’s church and work.
- “*If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you*” (John 15:18).

Because of What the World Does

- *“If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him” (1 John 2:15).*
- *“The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever” (17).*
- Here is Satan’s attack: *“the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the boastful pride of life” (16).*

Because of What Christians Are

- John refers to three family terms to describe us:
 - “*Little children*” (12), who are babes in Christ.
 - “*Young men*” (13), those growing and maturing in the faith.
 - “*Fathers*” (14), the mature in faith, who know God and the dangers of the world, the full grown person of faith.
- Here is the Christian family: *the growing, maturing child of God to whom the world does not appeal!*

Because of Where the World is Going

- *“The world is passing away” (17a)!*
- When this world is gone, the faithful child of God will be alive in the presence of God throughout eternity.
- *“But the one who does the will of God lives forever” (17b).*

*“He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep
to gain what he cannot lose.”*

*Jim Elliot
Missionary Martyr
1927-1956*