

To Love the World, Part 1

(John 3:16; 1 John 2:15)

If 1 Jn 2:15 is true about you, then it is also true that 1 Jn 3:14,16,23 is *not* true about you (Rom 5:5). If you care who wins a sports event, it is obvious that you fake love for a brother or sister and maybe even your wife and children. Agape/Ahavah love is nowhere in you. So if you care who wins or even know who wins, your mind is on the flesh, for sure. Who can trust you to do our Father's will? It is obvious that you don't even care whether His name is hallowed on earth, or His kingdom comes, since you don't care enough to pray to be delivered from the evil one (Mt 6:9-13). So you are delivered into temptation according to your desire (Jms 1:14-15).

1 Jn 5:18 (NKJ) — *Touched* means Satan has attached himself to you. All your seeming kindness is only a façade (2 Cor 11:15). You're no friend of mine (Pr 17:17) nor Yahshua's (Jn 15:12-15; 1 Jn 5:12-13). You evidently don't have the hope in 1 Jn 3:1-3 of seeing Him as He is, since you don't purify yourself as He is pure.

So why did John have to write 1 Jn 2:15 to the church? (1 Jn 5:13)

What was happening? If someone does not have the love of God in him, then he does not have eternal life. To be able to love one another takes His love, that is, to love with His love. Any old person can love as the world loves. Even Christians can do that. But they can't love the way John describes in 1 Jn 3:16,23 and Jn 13:34.

If one loves the world as 1 Jn 2:15-16 (for example, sports), then the love of the Father is not in him. Sports is one of the greatest money-making events. The stars make millions from their fans. Do you think they love you as much as you love them? What kind of love is it that makes you adore them and root for them to win? Your adoration for your former demonic affection — for your school team or your favorite professional team — where is it taking you?

So Jn 15:17 is His commandment, but how is one to do it if he loves the world, since God's love is not in him? It's unreasonable for one in whom Rom 5:5 is not a reality. So there is no reality, and you are in for a great disappointment — eternally (Jn 9:41). How much do you rejoice in the hope of the glory of God? (Rom 5:2,4)

Remember our story. We stopped going to First Presbyterian Church in Chattanooga simply because they shut the door one Sunday evening due to the fact that the Super Bowl was in New Orleans, which was one hour later in Eastern Time, which made it so inconvenient for Christians to attend the Sunday evening service. So that is all it took for us to realize that 1 Jn 2:15 applied to them. Not one single person who loves the world and the things of the world has eternal life, because it takes God's love in them, for God is love, and the Holy Spirit is God (1 Cor 12:13; Eph 1:13).

So I appeal to all who still love the demons of this world, which attract millions to find a place in the world where it will be more convenient for them to watch their favorite sports event on a big-screen TV. Or you can even go to the stadium and yell your head off, or grind your teeth when your team loses. No wonder you were never really concerned or emotional about a lost soul, but were more emotionally concerned about a lost golf ball. You're a tare among the wheat. It would be better for you to go to what you love and no longer fake His love, dressing up your flesh to look spiritual (2 Cor 11:15).

God's love has not taken possession of the land (your soul), obviously. Rev 3:19-21 — He is either in our soul or He is not in our soul. Adultery is when you are loving the world. He is not with you in it (1 Jn 2:3-6). How excited would He be about who wins or loses? Do you pray for your side to win? Who is your Savior? 1 Jn 3:22 — Who are you pleasing? Or do you believe that all you do is done “in His sight”?

If you love the world, the love of the Father is not in you. To love (#25) the world is the direction of your will, finding your joy in it. The love (#26) of the Father is the love one has that confirms his salvation, as 1 Jn 3:16. Fake love is as 1 Jn 3:18 — words

that make people love you or admire you or think highly of you — a selfish endeavor to elevate yourself in their eyes. To love the world is the antithesis of 1 Jn 3:16. To love the world does not require the kind of love that Yahshua and the Father had for you, which you are supposed to have for others. But your love for the things you love in this world is absolutely self-centered — for you and only you.

Agape (#25) is the way He loved you, as 1 Jn 3:16 and Jn 3:16 — the direction of His will toward you, and finding His joy in doing it. The love of Rom 5:5 denies one's own interests on behalf of others, which is the antithesis of your love for the worldly things, as 1 Jn 2:16 defines what are the things of the world. Whatever is not of the Father is of the world — such things as what you love to find your joy in.

1 Jn 5:18 — Satan attaches himself to you and modifies your dignity, and you yourself must strive to make others respect you in your own strength instead of by the Holy Spirit speaking to the heart of all who love Him and are obedient to Him. You're chumming up to certain people and making them like you or respect you, but it's only superficial. No one can respect someone except it be given from the Holy Spirit (Jn 3:27,31,33).

1 Jn 2:15 — So here you are, loving the world in one way, and our Father in another way. Jn 3:16 and 1 Jn 3:16 is His way and His Son's way, and all who belong to them love His way. The rest love their own way, proving by 1 Jn 3:14,16,23 that they have no part in His love, but only their own self-motivated way.

Rom 5:5 is the love of God (#26) by the Holy Spirit. So if the Holy Spirit has been given to us and the love of God is poured out into our hearts (#2588), this affects all aspects of our being in our new life of serving our Savior in obedience to Him (Jn 14:15,21; Jn 8:51). To love Him is to obey Him. To obey Him is to love Him (not the world). To obey is to grow up in all aspects, but if, as 1 Jn 5:18, we don't keep ourselves from the evil one, he will exert a modifying influence on us. That is, he attaches himself to us. We are touched with his influence and love for the world, i.e., worldly sports,

music, entertainment, movies, television, news, public radio — all are slanted their own way — toward the evil one. Whether right or left, it's all of the world, according to Satan's deception. The way that seems to be more right has the greater deception. They have enough truth to make the error lethal.

Touched in 1 Jn 5:18 is #680, which according to 1 Jn 5:17 is a sin unto death, and if Satan touches us, if we allow him room, he can attach himself (his spirit) to us and the Holy Spirit recedes to our spirit, leaving our soul as Rev 3:20. Then we can expect Rev 3:19 if we are true sons or daughters, in order for verse 21 to take effect.

We keep ourselves by Mt 6:13, and verses 9 and 10 is our chief joy, to see as Rom 5:2,4, since verse 5 is real and vital in our lives. But if we are as 1 Jn 2:15, loving this evil world's things, His love is either not at all in us or has receded to our spirit only, and can only return to our soul by Rev 3:20 in order for verse 21. We then *must* overcome as He did, and we can if we have not already gone over the waterfall.

To overcome is to swim upstream against the tide, not drifting. See the teaching called *Narcosis*.¹ Narcosis leads to apostasy, since you probably did not see fit to read the teaching already, and you can't take it with you when you die and go into death where our Master went for you, to save you from it (Jn 8:51; 2 Cor 5:15,21). To no longer live for yourself, but for Him is certainly not loving the world He saved you out of (Phil 2:12-13).

The main thing about 1 Jn 5:18 (NKJ) is that the one born of God *keeps himself*, and the evil one does not touch him. But the one who cannot keep himself may not be born of God. The one born of God has the authority in Yahshua's name to be set free from the evil one's touch, in Yahshua's name (Mt 6:13), by calling upon His name (Mt 28:18).

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How many among us have been touched, bearing Satan's attachment to them, and they keep on sinning that way? Heb 10:26-29 is one who is born of God but does not call upon the One who has all authority to deliver him from Satan's touch and sins a sin unto death — 1 Jn 5:16-17 and then 18.

So then, verses 18 and 21 both say *keep yourself* from Satan's touch, and from idols, as 1 Jn 3:2-3 says *purify yourself*. So keep yourself, and this is possible only by our Master's authority as we call on Him to save us from Satan's touch, and keep ourselves from idols, which are the fingerprints of Satan's touch.