

Do Not Love the World

Text: 1 John 2:15-17

Introduction:

- A. Tell of seeing ocean going cruise ship when Hawkins were here - The ship must be in the water, but the water must not be in the ship.
- B. We must maintain the right attitude toward the world.- text
- C. What should our attitude be toward the world?

I. One cannot love both God and the world.- 1 John 2:15; James 4:4

II. What is the world?

- A. not God's creation- Acts 17:24; Colossians 2:20-23
- B. not the people of the world - John 3:16
- C. sin and its allurements- John 17:14-16

III. What is in the world? - 1 John 2:16

- A. lust of the flesh- Romans 8:5; Galatians 5:16-17
- B. lust of the eyes - 2 Peter 2:13-14
- C. pride of life - 1 Corinthians 1:26-29

IV. How does the world allure? - James 1:13-15

- A. temptation of Eve - Genesis 3:6
- B. temptation of Jesus - Matthew 4:1-11; Hebrews 4:15

V. Why not love the world?- 1 John 2:17; Galatians 6:7-8

Conclusion:

- A. We cannot love both God and the world.- 1 John 2:15
- B. We can choose God and life or the world and decay.- 1 John 2:17
- C. Which shall it be?- Joshua 24:15