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**Topic: Love Not the World**

Scripture text: 1 John 2:15-16

1. The world can be so comfortable that we forget we are strangers and pilgrims on the earth. We forget that we are in conflict with the world. We are actually soldier fighting a spiritual battle.
2. In this passage, we see that there is separation from the world, opposition by the world and allurements of the world. We must not love the world but live without attachment to this world. The Devil will use three things to entice us. Therefore, we need to be on guard.
3. Firstly, the lust of the flesh refers to the strong desires of the body, the natural appetite, which in itself is not wrong. However, it may go beyond God's limits and restrictions such as sexual desires that result in fornication and adultery. Secondly, the lust of the eyes refer to the covetous desires that cause us to look at the world and not God. It is represented by the love of money and possessions (1 Tim 6:9-11). It replaces God. Thirdly, the pride of life refers to self-confidence and ambition in our manner of life (Jas 4:13-16). It denies God's sovereignty.
4. We can learn from the Lord Jesus Christ on how to respond to temptations by the Devil in Luke 4:1-13. The necessities of life cannot be enjoyed apart from God's Word. We must keep our eyes on Christ for we only have one Master. Do not doubt God's Word or tempt God by thinking we can go our own way and God will still look after us. All these temptations are self will. We must instead do the will of God. The world will be destroyed but in God, there is deliverance.