

***“Blessed Assurance:
Don’t be in Love with the World”***

1 John 2:15-17

Pastor Jim Oakley – December 9, 2018

1) DON’T LOVE THE WORLD (v. 15)

2) THE WORLD HAS NOTHING TO OFFER (v. 16)

3) THE FOLLY OF CHASING VANISHING TREASURE (v. 17)

READ AHEAD FOR NEXT WEEK: 1 John 2:18-29

Discussion Questions

ICEBREAKER: What is a toy or hobby you had when you were younger that you still do today? What is a toy or hobby that you outgrew?

- 1) Give some examples of “loving the things of the world” (the sinful, fallen world; it’s systems, values, patterns, and things of unredeemed mankind) according to this passage.
- 2) How does the love for the “world” work against the love for the Father?
- 3) What does our passage say is wrong with “everything in the world”?
- 4) What will happen to the world and its desires? What will replace them?
- 5) Read Matthew 16:26.
- 6) Why is the world and its desires so tempting?
- 7) How do we train our hearts to desire God and the things of God more?
- 8) Read Matthew 6:19-24.
- 9) Describe the treasures in Heaven as defined in this passage.
- 10) How are you laying up treasures in Heaven?
- 11) What disciplines do you need to build in your life to safeguard you from loving the things of the world?
- 12) How can we pray for you this week?