

HE STANDS UP FOR US PART IV

**I John 2:15-24**  
**I John 3:1-4**

<sup>15</sup>Don't set the affections of your heart on this world or in loving the things of the world. The love of the Father and the love of the world are incompatible. <sup>16</sup>For all that the world can offer us—the gratification of our flesh, the allurements of the things of the world, and the obsession with status and importance none of these things come from the Father but from the world. <sup>17</sup>This world and its desires are in the process of passing away, but those who *love to do the will of God* live forever. **I John 2:15-17 The Passion**

**Translation**

For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh [craving for sensual gratification] and the lust of the eyes [greedy longings of the mind] and the pride of life [assurance in one's own resources or in the stability of earthly things]—these do not come from the Father but are from the world [itself]. **I John 2:16 AMPC**

- We are exhorted to 'not love the world'...but the Bible says 'God so loved the world'...(John 3:16)
- So, what do we do?
- When John says, 'Love not the world', he isn't referring to God's creation or to the world of people.
- He is referring to the world system, the domain of darkness and sin which is organized against God. (See **Ephesians 2:13**)

Now judgment is upon this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. **John 12:31 NASB**

I will not speak much more with you, for the ruler of the world is coming, and he has nothing in Me; **John 14:30 NASB**

You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world. **I John 4:4 NASB**

We know that we are of God, and that the whole world lies in *the power of the evil one*. **I John 5:19 NASB**

- For all that is in the world...is not from God. (**I John 2:16-17**) And it is passing away...on its way out.

What's in the world?? (**See Luke 4:5-8**)

- The lust of the flesh...the gratification of our self-indulgent appetites...living lured and 'lassoed'...
- The lust of the eyes...the allurements of things fleshly and flashy...the greedy urgings of godless desires...living by sight and ignoring God's insight and wisdom.
- The boastful pride of life...self-indulgent, self-centered, self-assured confidence that man is in control and God is not needed.

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Barclay calls this passage in **I John 2:15-17**, "Rivals for the human heart" ...the world is not simply a passive entity, but a rival for the allegiance of everybody's heart. The issue is...what do you love the most...we can't love the world and the Lord both the most at the same moment.

All that the world has to offer is fading and passing away...it is transitory...but those who love God and love doing His will will live forever.

**These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation but take courage; I have overcome the world. John 16:33 NASB**

<sup>18</sup>Children, it is the last hour; and just as you heard that antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have appeared; from this we know that it is the last hour. <sup>19</sup>They went out from us, but they were not *really* of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but *they went out*, so that it would be shown that they all are not of us. <sup>20</sup>But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you all know. <sup>21</sup>I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it, and because no lie is of the truth. <sup>22</sup>Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son. <sup>23</sup>Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father; the one who confesses the Son has the Father also. <sup>24</sup>As for you, let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father. **I John 2:18-24 NASB**

But you have been anointed by [you hold a sacred appointment from, you have been given an unction from] the Holy One, and you all know [the Truth] *or you know all things*. **I John 2:20 AMPC**

- We have an anointing from the Holy One...the Holy Spirit. (v20)
- We must abide in Him as He abides in us.

<sup>1</sup>See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and *such* we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who has this hope *fixed* on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure. <sup>4</sup>Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that He appeared in order to take away sins; and in Him there is no sin. **I John 3:1-5 NASB**

- Behold! Look at this! Look at the kind of love that God has given us!
  - This is wonderfully great! Like no other level or category of love we have ever seen...
  - What an amazing sort of love is this? What 'country' does this love come from?

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SEE WHAT [an incredible] quality of love the Father has given (shown, bestowed on) us, that we should [be permitted to] be named *and* called *and* counted the children of God! And so, we are! The reason that the world does not know (recognize, acknowledge) us is that it does not know (recognize, acknowledge) Him. **I John 3:1 AMPC**

- We are named, called and counted as the children of God...by God Himself!
- Now we are the children of God, not just Warren Buffett or George Clooney, or Patrick Mahomes but Children of God!
- Why? Because He loves us!

<sup>4</sup>But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, <sup>5</sup>so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. **Galatians 4:4-5 NASB**

<sup>7</sup>"The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any of the peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples, <sup>8</sup>but because the LORD loved you and kept the oath which He swore to your forefathers, the LORD brought you out by a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. **Deuteronomy 7:7-8 NASB**

<sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup> For [the Spirit which] you have now received [is] not a spirit of slavery to put you once more in bondage to fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption [the Spirit producing sonship] in [the bliss of] which we cry, Abba (Father)! Father! **Romans 8:14-15 AMPC**

- You can still be friends...what?
- The Bible says that the world does not know us (**I John 3:1**) ...and it knows us but it doesn't know who He really is and what it really means to be His Children. Beloved, we are [even here and] now God's children; it is not yet disclosed (made clear) what we shall be [hereafter], but we know that when He comes *and* is manifested, we shall [as God's children] resemble *and* be like Him, for we shall see Him just as He [really] is. **I John 3:2 AMPC**

- Now we are His children, but we are going to be 'other that we are' now, when we see Him.
- We are His children, part of His family.
- This is the foundation of our identity and our security.
- Heaven is our destination.\
- Being more like Jesus is our destiny.
- Developing our true unique potential in the Lord is the discipling process that brings about our destiny.
- This is so helpful to us when things don't 'add up', and there are things we just don't know or understand.

The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our sons forever, that we may observe all the words of this law.

### Deuteronomy 29:29 NASB

<sup>3</sup>And everyone who has this hope *fixed* on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure. <sup>4</sup>Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that He appeared in order to take away sins; and in Him there is no sin. **I John 3:3-5 NASB**

- Get Your Hope 'fixed'! Focus is a great 'fixer'!

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>to *obtain* an inheritance *which is* imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the proof of your faith, *being* more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ; **I Peter 1:3-7 NASB.**

- Jesus demonstrated His purity in the midst of this fallen, broken world. Now, we get to discover and develop our practiced purity in the same environment.
- Only the holy spirit can make us holy, but our cooperation (partnership) is essential.

Everyone who commits (practices) sin is guilty of lawlessness; for [that is what] sin is, lawlessness (the breaking, violating of God's law by transgression or neglect—being unrestrained and unregulated by His commands and His will). **I John 3:4 AMPC**

- Doing 85-mph in a 70-mph zone is purposely breaking the law.
- Turning onto a one-way street the wrong way because you are confused is breaking the law, too.
- Lawlessness is not just an action, it is an attitude towards God...or even against God.

You know that He appeared in visible form *and* became Man to take away [upon Himself] sins, and in Him there is no sin [essentially and forever]. **I John 3:5 AMPC**

- Remember **I John 1:9**... We are called to live blameless not sinless, and to love righteousness.