

## 1 John 2:15-27

### *God Over The World*

**Pray for your time together in God's Word!**

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#### **1 John 2:15-27 (NIV)**

<sup>15</sup> Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. <sup>16</sup> For everything in the world—the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does—comes not from the Father but from the world. <sup>17</sup> The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.

<sup>18</sup> Dear children, this is the last hour; and as you have heard that the antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come. This is how we know it is the last hour. <sup>19</sup> They went out from us, but they did not really belong to us. For if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us; but their going showed that none of them belonged to us.

<sup>20</sup> But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth. <sup>21</sup> I do not write to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it and because no lie comes from the truth. <sup>22</sup> Who is the liar? It is the man who denies that Jesus is the Christ. Such a man is the antichrist—he denies the Father and the Son. <sup>23</sup> No one who denies the Son has the Father; whoever acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

<sup>24</sup> See that what you have heard from the beginning remains in you. If it does, you also will remain in the Son and in the Father. <sup>25</sup> And this is what he promised us—even eternal life.

<sup>26</sup> I am writing these things to you about those who are trying to lead you astray. <sup>27</sup> As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit—just as it has taught you, remain in him.

#### **Questions For Discussion**

**?** John mentions "the world" in verses 15-17. What does he mean by "the world?" What does it mean that we are not to love the world?

**?** In verse 16 John mentions three things from the world. What are they?

? What are examples from today's culture that would fit in to each of these three categories?

? How do we navigate the slippery slope of engaging with the world to share the Gospel, but not embracing what the world idolizes?

? John warns against antichrists that are already among the people (vs. 19). From what we see in this passage, how would John define "antichrists"?

? What form do antichrists take in today's culture?

After defining and discussing the work of antichrists, John shows a contrast between them and believers. In verse 20, he reminds his readers they "have an anointing from the Holy One," and they "know the truth."

? The Holy One could refer to any of the persons of the Trinity—Father, Son or Holy Spirit. Jesus promised the Father would send the Spirit after His death (John 14:23-29). What is the significance of "The Holy One" anointing believers? In what ways should we respond because of this anointing?

In the Old Testament, "anointing" was an act that set people apart for a specific task, such as being king. This involved pouring oil over the person's head and was often done by a priest or prophet.

? John says that we know the Truth (vs. 20). What is the "Truth"?

? Why does the truth need to be central in our spiritual lives?

? In verse 26, John says he is writing to them about those who are trying to lead them astray. What are things in your life that attempt to lead you astray?

? Why is it important that our anointing “remains”? (vs. 27)

### **For Discussion And Accountability**

? Do you struggle to believe that you are anointed by God, set apart for a purpose? How can you bring this eternal purpose to your life this week?

? What are some practical things you can do this week in order to choose to love the things of God instead of the things of the world?