



JESUS CHRIST IS THE WORLD'S ONLY HOPE

With all of the wickedness that we hear about on a daily basis in the world, is it any wonder that the world hates everything that Jesus Christ and Christianity stands for? The only news that you hear is about sin, murder, wickedness, lying, wicked lawyers who lie in court just to promote themselves, and everything else that the Bible calls evil. The world has decided that they would rather follow the ways of Satan than follow the ways of the Lord. Even those who are in the world are getting fed up with network television.

All that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of eyes, and the pride of life, is of Satan and the world.

1 John 2:15-17

15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

The Apostle John warned us not to love the world. The Apostle James tells us that just being friends with the world makes you an enemy of God!

James 4:1-4

1 From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?

2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.

3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.

4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

The world has no hope because the world is the enemy of Jesus Christ. All those who profess to be Christian and yet maintain friendship with the world are the enemies of God! This does not mean that you are not to be friendly and helpful to those in need, but you need to realize that you are dealing with God's enemies. You cannot be their friend and still

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be a Christian.

If you love the world and all of the lusts of the world the love of the Father is not in you! If your prayers seem to fall on dead ears, you need to examine your standing with the Lord. Are you like Judas who sold out for a mere thirty pieces of silver? Are you so vain and deceived that money, pride, wealth, and everything else that the world offers is worth an eternity burning in the lake of fire and brimstone?

Both James and John were writing to Christian churches. James had the audacity to call his "Christian" audience adulterers and adulteresses. Can you imagine the shock when the church members heard themselves being addressed as adulterers and adulteresses? Could you imagine your pastor addressing you as the the same? How many in your congregation would get up and leave the church?

When you are the enemy of God, you have no hope. When you love the world you have no hope. The world detests Jesus Christ and everything that is righteous. The world loves to wallow in sin and debauchery. They love to commit everything mentioned in Paul's epistle to the Romans.

Romans 1:18-32

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in un-

righteousness;

19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.

20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:

25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men

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working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet.

28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,

30 Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

31 Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:

32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

When you love the world, you desire to have the things of the world. You desire to have and do not obtain. Your prayers go unanswered because you ask for the things of the world and not the things of God. When you become a friend of the world, you have become an adulterer or adulteress. You have turned your back on the Lord Jesus Christ and have become the Lord's enemy. The world embraces all those who have rejected Jesus Christ and have become one of them. Look at how the world adores the adulterer. Look at how the

world worships the sinner. Look at the murder rate in our cities. There is no real punishment for the murderer!

The world has no hope for they love the wicked. The world honors and respects those who live in debauchery. Look at the adoration that the world has for Hollywood actors and actresses who jump from one lover to the next. The wicked are worshipped while the righteous are scorned.

Look at how anyone that is really righteous is ridiculed by the news commentators. Look at how the news commentators endorse the murder of the unborn while telling the world that having an abortion is righteous! The world is sinking deeper and deeper into the depths of sin. They have no hope, for they hate the only one that can give them any hope.

The only way to have any hope is to reject your love and friendship with the world and turn your heart over to Jesus Christ.

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