

Today, we'd like to study the title of "The World" in 1 John 2:15-29.

To Online Word's people, we'd like to suggest 3 Questions:

- Q1. In verse 15, "Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him," what does the world mean?
- Q2. In verse 22, "Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son," What does the antichrist ultimately deny?
- Q3. In verse 29, "If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him," what does it mean?

(Background)

(John 3:5) "Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God." ((1) Water: a symbol to wash off dirt, i.e., repent sins (unbelief) with God's word - death of old life AND (2) Spirit: new birth of the Spirit)

(Romans 8:9) "But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His." (The Spirit of Christ expresses that Christ dwells in us through the Spirit.)

(John 16:13) "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. (the Spirit of truth expresses that the Spirit teaches the Bible ("all truth"))

¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

15=Q1 the world (the world system – contrary to God ¹ 1 Cor 2:12; Col 2:8 vs. 1 Sam 2:8 (earth); Ps 24:1 (creation of the earth); John 3:16 (people)); love the world (Satan is beyond the world: love Satan)

¹ 1 Cor 2:12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God; Col 2:8 Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ vs. 1 Sam 2:8b For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's, And He has set the world upon them. (earth); Ps 24:1 The earth is the LORD's, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell therein. (creation of the earth); John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. (people)

<p>¹⁶ For all that <i>is</i> in the world—<u>the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life</u>—is not of the Father but is of the world.</p>	<p>16= all that is in the world (all things that is in the world, i.e., all flesh matters); the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life (e.g. ²Gen 3:6; ²Mat 4:3-10; (1st the lust of the flesh (good for food; bread), 2nd the lust of the eyes (pleasant to the eyes; foot against a stone (power)), and 3rd the pride of life (desirable to make one wise; all kingdoms of the world and the glory of them (glory) ; we should ³Luke 9:23)</p>
<p>¹⁷ And <u>the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.</u></p>	<p>17= the world is passing away and the lust of it (the world: ⁴Mat 24:35) ; the will of God (the word from God, not own word, & God's glory, not own glory ⁵John 7:17-18; Because the essence of the will of God is God's word which will never pass away, he who does the will of God abides forever.)</p>
<p>¹⁸ Little children, it is <u>the last hour</u>; and as you have heard that the <u>Antichrist</u> is coming, even <u>now many antichrists</u> have come, by which we know that it is the last hour. ¹⁹ They went out from us, but they were <u>not of us</u>; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but <i>they went out</i> that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.</p>	<p>18= the last hour (the last days, or the last time between Christ's 1st coming and 2nd coming – already 2000 years passed – why? ⁶2 Tim 4:1-2(urgency to deliver gospels; ¹John 3:2-3 keep purity; what happens in the last days ²Tim 3:13; ²Luke 18:8; ²Mat 24:36); antichrists (contrary to Christ)</p>
<p>²⁰ But you have <u>an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things.</u> ²¹ I have not written to you because you do not <u>know the</u></p>	<p>19= not of us (not belong to us)</p> <p>20= an anointing [unction] from the Holy One (anointing the Holy Spirit); know (OIDA – know by instinct of the Spirit to born-again Christians)</p> <p>21= know (OIDA)</p>

² Gen 3:6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate; ²Mat 4:3-10 Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." ⁴ But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'" ⁵ Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: He shall give His angels charge over you," and, "In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone."⁷ Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the LORD your God.'" ⁸ Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.'"

³ Luke 9:23 Then He said to *them* all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me.

⁴ Mat 24:35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

⁵ John 7:17-18 If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority. ¹⁸ He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him.

⁶ 2 Tim 4:1-2 I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom. ² Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching; ¹ John 3:2-3 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. ³ And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

⁷ 2 Tim 3:13 But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived; ²Luke 18:8 I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?"; ²Mat 24:36 "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.

truth, but because you know it, and that no lie is of the truth.

²² Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son. ²³ Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

²⁴ Therefore 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. ²⁵ And this is the promise that He has promised us— eternal life.

²⁶ These things I have written to you concerning those who try to deceive you.

²⁷ But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.

22=Q2 denies that Jesus is the Christ? (Christ ; Messiah “anointed one” by God; deny God & a man – The Word which was God became flesh -- ⁸ *John 1:1, 14; Deut 18:15*) ; the Father and the Son (who are one ⁹ *John 10:30; John 14:9*)

23= (because the Son and the Father are one, ¹⁰ *Mat 16:16*)

24= that... which you heard from the beginning (incarnation Jesus - *John 1:1, 14* (above); ¹¹ *1 Tim 3:16*)

25= eternal life (*John 3:16*, above)

26= those who try to deceive you (the works of Antichrists, devils, or Satan)

27= the anointing (the Holy Spirit) abides in you (Christ abides in us through the Spirit, called as the Spirit of Christ *Rom 8:9*, above); not need that anyone teach you (only the Spirit the teacher through His servants – some evangelists and some pastors & teachers; ¹² *John 14:26; John 15:7 Eph 4:11*); teaches you ... all things... is true... not a lie (The Spirit through you discerns truth from a lie at the Bible)

⁸ *John 1:1, 14* ¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. *Deut 18:15* “The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear;

⁹ *John 10:30* I and My Father are one; *John 14:9* Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father: so how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”

¹⁰ *Mat 16:16* Simon Peter answered and said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

¹¹ *1 Tim 3:16* And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the Gentiles, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory.

¹² *John 14:26* But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.; *John 15:7* If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you; *Eph 4:11* And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers

<p>²⁸ And now, little children, abide in Him, that <u>when He appears</u>, we may have confidence and <u>not be ashamed</u> before Him at His coming. ²⁹ If you <u>know</u> that He is righteous, you <u>know</u> that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him.</p>	<p>28= when He appears (2nd coming)... not be ashamed (when you abide in Christ as the Spirit has taught us – So, we need “consciousness of the presence of the Lord with us at all times”; ¹³ Mat 24:45-46)</p> <p>29= Q 3 know (OIDA know by instinct as of born-again time by the Spirit) ; know ... practices (GINOSKO know by experience)</p>
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¹³ Mat 24:45-46 “Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? ⁴⁶ Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing.