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- Positive sermon
- Encouraging sermon
- Sermon everyone will like
- No will be “offended”
- You can say “Amen” to



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- Subject on Love
- God is Love
- 1 John 4:8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love
- 1 John 4:16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.



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- 1 John 5:3
- For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous
- John 3:16
- For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.



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## 1 Cor 13

If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am become sounding brass, or a clanging cymbal. 2 And if I have (the gift of) prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 And if I bestow all my goods to feed (the poor), and if I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profiteth me nothing. 4 Love suffereth long, (and) is kind; love envieth not; love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, 5 doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not its own, is not provoked, taketh not account of evil; 6 rejoiceth not in unrighteousness, but rejoiceth with the truth; 7 beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

# Do Not Love The World

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the things in the world.

—1 John 2:15—



1 John 2:15-17

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## What the "world" is not

1. The physical world (Earth) Gen 1:1,31
2. The human world (mankind) Jn 3:16; 1Jn 4:9,10

## What the "world" is

1. The world of sin Ep 2:1-2
2. The domain of Satan 1Jn 5:19
3. A morally evil system under the influence of Satan,  
opposed to God and Christ's kingdom NLT Study Bible



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Things in the world under the influence of Satan

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## The lust of the flesh

1. Unbridled desires of the flesh Ga 5:19-21
2. Which we must control Mt 5:28; Ro 13:14; 1Pe 2:11

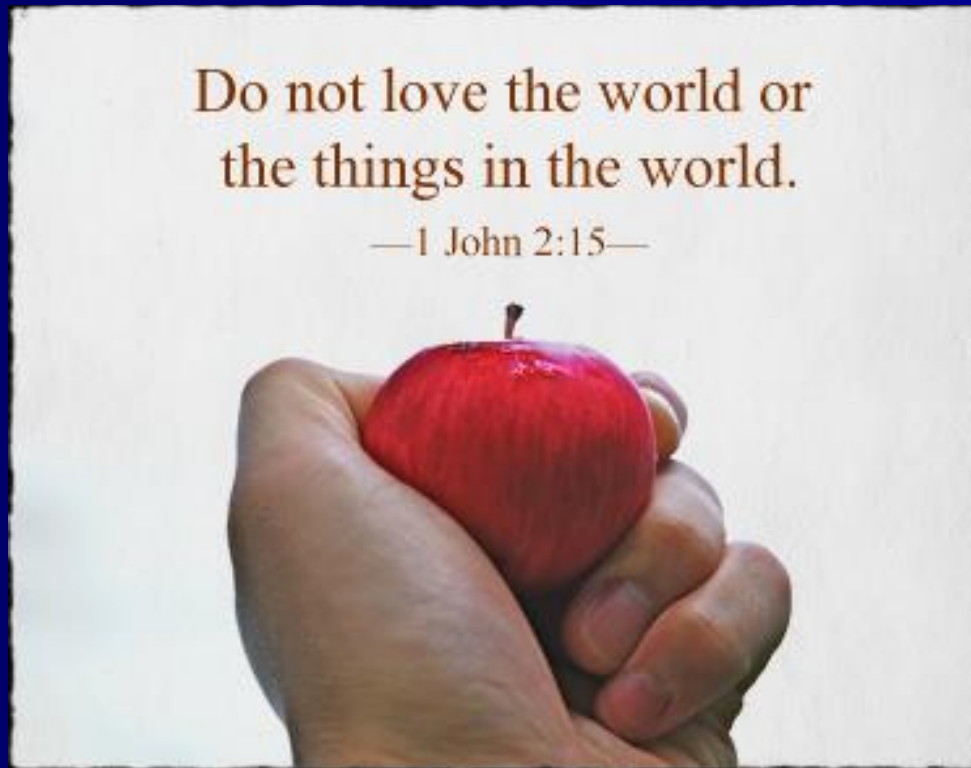
## The lust of the eyes

1. Unlawful longing for things we see Ep 5:5-7; Co 3:5-7
2. Which we must control Ps 119:36-37; 1Ti 6:6-10

## The pride of life

1. Boasting: age, wealth, accomplishments Lk 12:16-21
2. Which we must control 1Ti 6:17; Ph 2:3

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Immorality, materialism, accomplishments

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You cannot love the world and the Father

1. No man serve two masters Mt 6:24
2. Loving the world makes you an enemy of God Jm 4:4

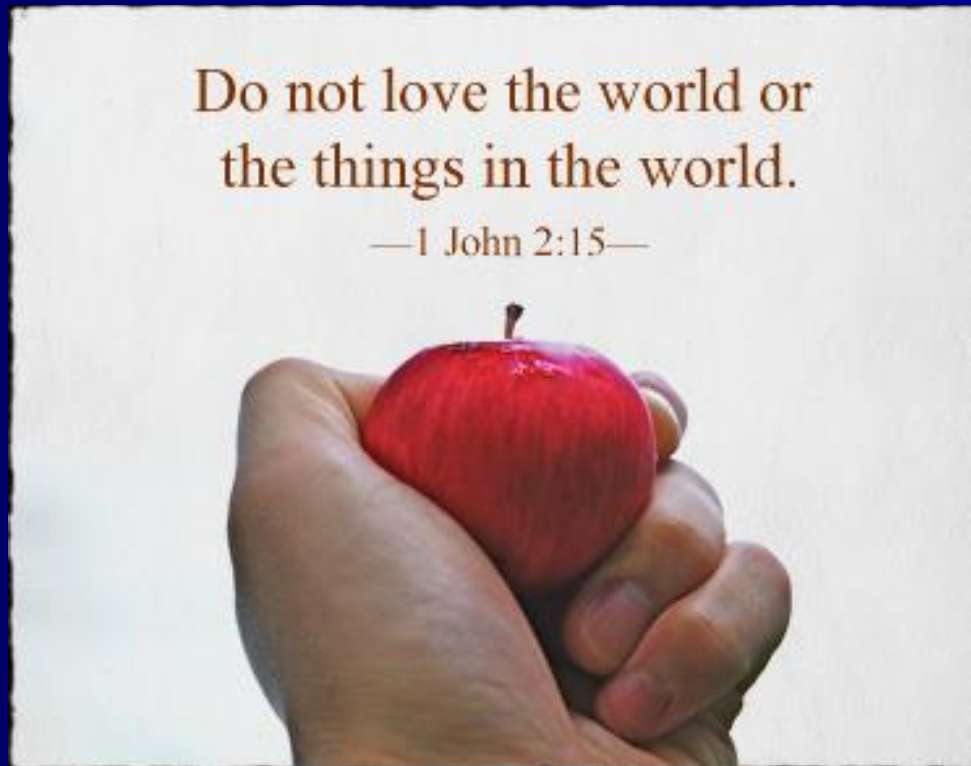
The world is passing away

1. The world and everything in it 2Pe 3:10
2. We are passing away 1Pe 1:24; Jm 4:13-14

Those who do God's will shall abide forever

1. Theirs is the kingdom of heaven Mt 7:21
2. Even their deaths will be a blessing Re 14:13

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What will it profit you? ~ Matthew 16:26



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Eph 4:4-6

4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

# The Benefits Of A Small Church



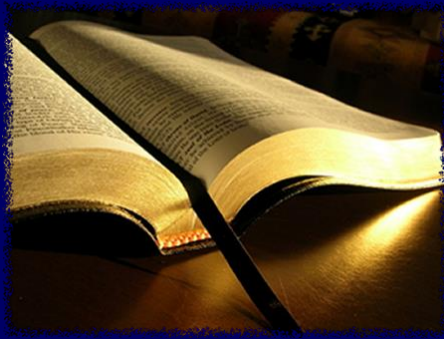
“Do not fear, little flock”  
Luke 12:32



# The Benefits Of A Small Church

- Easier to know everyone [3Jn 14](#)
- Stronger sense of family [1Ti 5:1-2](#)
- More inter-generational ties [Mk 10:28-30](#)
- More opportunities to serve [Ga 5:13](#)
- Greater tolerance towards one's efforts [1Ti 4:12](#)
- More likely to be missed [1Th 5:14](#)
- More likely to grow [2Ti 2:2](#)





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- John 1:17 For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ
- Rom 6:1-2 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

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- 2 Tim 4:2-5 2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. 5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

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- Col 1:28 Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus
- Acts 20:27 For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God

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- Gal 1:8-12 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed. For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ. But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

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- Matt 28:20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen

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- Gal 4:16 Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?



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Jer 20:9 Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay

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Make application

Matt 7:21-23

21 Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

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*Build your house on  
a Rock – not sand*

- Do you see these two houses?
- Which of these two houses are built on a rock?
- What happened to the one built on the sand?



# The Gospel Of Heaven



“Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.” ~ Revelation 22:14