Message: "Love Not 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 forever."

- What is the Will of the Father? [JC to His Church, "if ye love Me, keep My Commandments." John 14:15]
- Greatest Threat to the Church = Not following the Will of the Father/His Commandments, But following the Ways of the World
- Psalmist Two Ways = Ways of the Righteous and Ungodly
- Several warnings exist for the Church [Matthew 7:21-23; REV 2/3 (Seven Churches of Revelation); REV 22:11-12 and 18-19]

Matthew 7:21-23 "21 Not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into 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."

- A Warning not to use "Satan's Greatest Lies;" "What's One Sin; Everyone Else is Doing It; Other Great Men/Women Sinned and God Forgave Them; There's Only One Unforgivable Sin..."
- What's the scriptural truth?
- Light or Darkness (1 John 1:5-7) = Free Choice

— JC is Life = Free Choice (Accept/Do His Will)

1 John 1:1-4 "¹ That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, **and** our hands have handled, of the **Word** of **Life**; ² (For the **Life** was manifested, **and** we have seen *it*, **and** bear witness, **and shew** unto you that **eternal life**, which was with the **Father**, **and** was manifested unto us;) ³ That which we have seen **and** heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: **and truly** our fellowship *is* with the **Father**, **and** with **His Son Jesus Christ**. ⁴ **And** these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full. (**John 4:23-24 = True Worshippers**)

1 John 1:5-7 "⁵ This then is the message which we have heard of Him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.

1 John 5:17 "All unrighteousness is sin/there is a sin not unto death."

Hebrews 10:26-27 "²⁶ For if we **sin** wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the **truth**, there remaineth **no more** sacrifice for **sins**, ²⁷ **But** a certain **fearful** looking for of **judgment and fiery indignation**, which **shall devour** the **adversaries**."

— We were all sinners saved by His grace.

1 John 1:8-10 "8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His Word is not in us."

- Spirit of Truth or Spirit of Error (1 John 4:1-6) = Free Choice

1 John 4:1-6 "¹ Beloved, believe **not** every spirit, **but** try the spirits **whether** they are of **God**: because many **false prophets** are gone out into the **world**. ² Hereby know ye the **Spirit of God**: Every spirit that confesseth that **Jesus Christ** is come in the flesh is of **God**: ³ **And** every **spirit** that confesseth **not** that **Jesus Christ** is come in the flesh is **not** of **God**: **and** this is that **spirit** of **antichrist**, whereof ye have heard that **it** should come; **and** even now already is **it** in the **world**. ⁴ Ye are of **God**, little children, **and** have overcome **them**: because greater is **He** that is in you, than **he** that is in the **world**. ⁵ **They** are of the **world**: therefore speak **they** of the **world**, **and** the **world** heareth **them**. ⁶ We are of **God**: he that knoweth **God** heareth us; **he** that is **not** of **God** heareth **not** us. Hereby know we the **spirit** of **truth**, **and** the **spirit** of **error**."

— How to Live in Christ?

1 John 4:7-13 "⁷ Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. ⁸ He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. ⁹ In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. ¹⁰ Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. ¹² No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us/His love is perfected in us. ¹³ Hereby know we that we dwell in Him, and He in us, because He hath given us of His Spirit."

Galatians 6:8-10 "8 For he that soweth to his flesh **shall** of the flesh reap **corruption**; **but** he that soweth to the **Spirit shall** of the **Spirit** reap life everlasting. 9 ... ¹⁰ As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto **all** *men/women/children*, **especially** unto them who are of the **household of faith**."

1 John 4:17-21 "17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as He is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. ¹⁹ We love Him, because He first loved us. ²⁰ If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? ²¹ And this Commandment have we from Him, That he who loveth God love his brother also."

Romans 14:11 "For it is written, *As* I live, saith the **Lord**, every knee **shall** bow to **Me**, **and** every tongue **shall** confess to **God**."

Philippians 2:10-11 "10 That at the name of **Jesus** every knee **should** bow, of *things* in heaven, **and** *things* in earth, **and** *things* under the earth; 11 **And** *that* every tongue **should confess** that **Jesus Christ** *is* **Lord**, to the glory of **God the Father**."

- Do this? Have a Saint/Sinner compile a list of priorities/then compare the two lists; most lists will probably be very similar, why?
- **1 Timothy 6:6-12** "⁶ **But godliness** with contentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought **nothing** into *this* **world**, **and** *it is* certain we can carry **nothing** out. ⁸ **And** having food **and** raiment let us be therewith content."
- 1 Timothy 6:9-11 "9 But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and *into* many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. ¹⁰ For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. ¹¹ But thou, 0 man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness."

1 Timothy 6:12 "Fight the **good** fight of **faith**, lay hold on **eternal life**, whereunto thou art also called, **and** hast professed a good profession before many witnesses." **= Free Choice**

— What we are not to do?

Matthew 6:19-24 "19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: 20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: 21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. 22 The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. 23 But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great *is* that darkness! 24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon." = Free Choice

- The ways [things] of the world compete for our time/devotion, just to rob, steal, kill, and murder our soul in order to watch it be cast into Hell, but remember three important facts: #1 Satan doesn't want you; he just doesn't want God to have you. #2 Hell is filled w/those that did not follow His Will/Commandments #3 Heaven or Hell/2nd Death in a lake of fire and brimstone = Free Choice
- **Remember** the Church is called to be separate from the **world**.
- **2 Corinthians 6:17** "¹⁷ Wherefore come out from among them, **and** be ye separate, saith the **Lord**, **and** touch **not** the **unclean** *thing*; **and** I will receive you, ¹⁸ **And** will be a **Father** unto you, **and** ye **shall** be **My** sons **and** daughters, saith the **Lord** Almighty." **= Free Choice**

John 17:14-16 "¹⁴ I have given them Thy Word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. ¹⁵ I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that Thou shouldest keep them from the evil. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world."

Philippians 1:21 "For to me to live is **Christ**, and to die is gain."

- Finding yourself **lost** going to **Hell**, "Love **Not** the **World**."
- What did the Spirit say to the "7" Churches of Revelation?
 - **Only** "those that do the **Will** of the **Father**" will enter into the Kingdom of **Heaven**.
 - That means **following/doing His Commandments.**

Revelation 2:7, 11, 17; 2:29; 3:6, 3:13, 3:22 X 7 "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches."

— Heaven or Hell/2nd Death = Free Choice/Choose Eternal Life w/CI

Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Matthew 11:27-28 "27 All things are delivered unto Me of My Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him. 28 Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

To **God** Be **All** the Glory Today, Tomorrow, **and** Forever.