

I JOHN 2:15-17 "Is This Where I Came Into This Story?" 8/6/17 Teague Bible Church

Intro: "I came into this movie 20 minutes late."

We were all born into a world already in a spiritual struggle. It would be best to see what happened before we got here. We must find our place and win the war for the heart and soul of man.

Intro text: Genesis 3:1-11 Where it all started.

This whole life is about love for God and trusting God.

Questions: Will you love and trust God, or will you limit your sight?

Will you love and trust the things of the world?

I hear people say they are struggling with lust, or anger, or gossip, or being judgmental, or pride; but it is really a struggle about love.

Question: Do I love God more than I love my self-pity; my "rightful" bitterness about the way

I have been treated; my lust; my material things; my own self-importance; my depression;

my moods; my self-fulfillment; my wanting control; my ambition; my self-fulfillment?

Main Text: I John 2: 15-17 *****

2: 15

"Don't keep on loving the things of the world"- (present active verb)

We are like containers- full of all sorts of things- we must separate the things of the world from

the things of God, and fill the void with His love.

2: 16

"Lust of the flesh"- Not just sexual; any over-desire involving physical gratification.

Mark 4: 18-19, " and others are the ones whom the seed was sown among the thorns; these are the ones who have heard the word, but the worries of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the desire for other things enter in and choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful." (spiritual war strategy of the enemy)

"Lust of the eyes"- Mental pleasure; satisfying yourself in contemplating something wrong;

not necessarily doing it or having the wrong actuated.

"Boastful pride of life" – Acting as if you only needed yourself to be fulfilled in life.

"The arrogance of ostentation, exhibited in the manner of living. The empty pride of fashion and display. It includes the desire to gain credit which does not belong to us, and outshine our neighbors. Thirst for honor and applause."