

Undiluted Love *(1 John 2:12-17)*

OPENING

God does not love everything nor should we. As members of His family, we can't set our hearts on things that oppose Him. A pure life comes from fellowship with God and His family.

I. BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP IN GOD'S FAMILY

1. We are forgiven of our sins.
 - When we surrender to Jesus by faith, our sins are forgiven as the first condition of fellowship.
 - We are forever clean because His name is written over ours.
2. We have come to know the Father.
 - That's the very essence of salvation.
3. We have overcome Satan.
 - We are no longer bound by sin--we have the power to resist temptation.

II. DON'T TRADE YOUR FAMILY FOR A TREAT

1. What you love is what you are committed to. It's more than emotion.
2. God hates the sin of loving the world.
3. John defines the world system with three phrases.
 - The desires of the flesh--means to live life dominated by the senses.
 - The desires of the eyes--means that what we see triggers the mind.
 - The pride of life--means self-sufficiency and arrogance.
4. This is the pattern of how the enemy tempts us. But Christ conquered that for us.

CONCLUSION

Avoid a love affair with the world because it's dying. We don't dismiss the world, but we don't let it dominate us. Put something in front of your heart that you can and should love more than the world--the Lord Jesus.