

**THE WORD  
OR  
THE WORLD?**

**1 JOHN 2:12-17**

**1<sup>2</sup> I am writing to you, little children, because your sins have been forgiven you for His name's sake. 1<sup>3</sup> I am writing to you, fathers, because you know Him who has been from the beginning.**



**I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I have written to you, children, because you know the Father. <sup>14</sup> I have written to you, fathers, because you know Him who has been from the beginning.**



**I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one. <sup>15</sup> Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves 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 boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. 17 The world is passing away, and *also* its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.**



## **1. The Directions of God's Word**

***<sup>12</sup> I am writing to you, because your sins have been forgiven you for His name's sake.***

**God's Word identifies sin.**

**God's Word gives direction for forgiveness.**

**God's Word reveals God and who He is.**

## 1. The Directions of God's Word

*<sup>12</sup> I am writing to you,... <sup>13</sup> fathers, <sup>13</sup> children and <sup>15</sup> young men.*

The Word is for all ages and all levels of spiritual maturity.

Fathers recall God's presence.

Children gives encouragement.

Young men reminds we are victors.

## **1. The Directions of God's Word**

*because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one.*

**Without the Word we cannot stand.**

**We must abide in the Word...**

**That word abide again...immersed, in the sphere, completely encapsulated.**

## **2. The Directions of the World**

***16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.***

**The World offers temporary satisfaction to desires...**

***the lust of the flesh***

***the lust of the eyes***

***the boastful pride of life***

### **3. The Direction for Eternity**

***17 The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.***

**John contrasts two things—*that which is passing* and *that which is permanent*.**

**Things of this world will not last for eternity.**

**We are eternal beings and have a choice of passing away or eternal life with God.**

**Which direction are we taking this morning?**

**Are we following His Word or are we following the world?**

**It makes a difference now and for eternity.**

