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Title: What or Who is a Christian? Christians Love God More Than the World

Text: 1 John 2:14-17

The word world used in this context represents the anti-God system that is present in the human race. Its appeal is to deceive people into rejecting Jesus and choosing to follow the temptations of sin which lead to spiritual death. A Christian is saved from this world and loves God More than the lures of this world.

### **God Calls Us to Separate from The World's Ways**

Do not love the world

**1 Peter 1:15** - But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

### **The World Is Not Our Permanent Home**

**Hebrews 11:13-16** - "All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them."

### **The World's Temptations Appeal to Our Sinful Nature**

**1 John 2:16** - For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world

Lust of the flesh

Lust of the eyes

Pride of life

### **The World and Its Pleasures Are Temporary**

**1 John 2:17** - The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.