

1 John 2:15-17

Proof of Life: Loving the Love of Your Life

Sermon Outline

Text: 1 John 2:15-17

¹⁵Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

¹⁶For all that is in the world - the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride in possessions - is not from the Father but is from the world. ¹⁷And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

Theme: Our ultimate desire leads to our ultimate destiny

1. Our ultimate desire (vv. 15-16)
 - a. Is defined by a choice (v. 15a)
 - i. Obedience - do not love the world or the things in the world
 - ii. Disobedience - love the world and the things in the world
 - b. Is depicted by its fruit (vv. 15b-16)
 - i. Godlessness – Loving the world proves the absence of the Father’s love (v. 15b)
 - ii. Self-worship – Loving the things in the world proves our devotion to the world (v. 16)
 - (1) The desires of the flesh – carnality
 - (2) The desires of the eyes – covetousness
 - (3) The pride in possessions – vainglory
2. Our ultimate destiny (v. 17)
 - a. Is destruction if you love the world (v. 17a)
 - b. Is life everlasting if you do God’s will (v. 17b)