

The World System

The subtle enemy—it's everywhere

- The world system is an organization that has designs to misdirect Christians' love—the New Commandment (1 Jn. 2:15).
- The world systems elements: urbanization, human government, commerce, education, music, technology, art, senseless warfare

1. Christians told to Stop loving the World System (1 Jn. 2:15).

- a. Love for the world system is contrary to loving the Father.
- b. The world system uses lusts from other sources than the Father (1 Jn. 2:16).
 - i. Lust from the flesh.
 - ii. Lust appealing to the eyes.
 - iii. Vain glory regarding physical life.

2. The New (in quality) Commandment (Jn. 13:34-35).

- a. New standard for love (*cf.* Mt. 22:36-40).
- b. New divine enabling—fruit from the Spirit (Gal. 5:22).
- c. New objects of love—other Christians.
- d. This love (agape) is different than fondness (Jn. 21:15-21).

3. Commandment or Commandments?

- a. Reasons for understanding the relationship between the two: mix with Old Testament, do not connect the two.
- b. One explains the other.

4. The Father gave the Commandment to the Son to give to us. Christ explains how to use the commandment with commandments in order to bear fruit.

- a. The Father's singular commandment (1 Jn. 4:20-5:1; 1 Jn. 3:23).
- b. Christ's plural commandments (1 Jn. 3:24; Jn. 15:10, 17).