

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).
 - Christians told to Stop loving the World System (1 Jn. 2:15).
 - The New (in quality) Commandment (Jn. 13:34-35).
 - New standard for love.
 - New divine enabling.
 - New objects of love—other Christians.
 - This love (agape) is different than fondness.
 - Commandment or Commandments?
 - 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.
1. The commandments to be seen in lifestyle (2 Jn. 4-6).
 - a. Commandment from the Father (v. 4).
 - b. The upper room discourse was a beginning (v. 5).
 - c. Jesus' commandments explain the commandment (v. 6).
 - d. Commandment = commandments.
 - e. The commandments are to be implemented in our lifestyle.
 2. Jesus gives commandments to explain how and why Christians are to "love one another" (Jn. 15:17).
 - a. Jesus prioritizes our spiritual family relationships (Gal. 6:10; 2 Cor. 6:14-18 *cf.* 1 Cor. 5:9-10).
 - b. When guarding His commandments the Christian is at ease in Christ's love (Jn. 15:9-10).
 - c. Three different concepts:
 - i. Home, dwell (Rom. 8:9).
 - ii. Settle down at home (Eph. 3:17).
 - iii. At ease (abide).
 - Branch and vine relationship (Jn. 15:4-10).
 - Abiding linked to activity (1 Jn. 2:6).
 - Abiding linked to love and action (1 Jn. 3:17).
 3. Guarding the commandments is a condition to being at ease in one's position and experientially knowing that Christ is at ease in the Christian: fruit from the Spirit, illumination.