

## **The World System**

The subtle enemy—it's everywhere

- Christians told to Stop loving the World System (1 Jn. 2:15).
- Christians told to love one another: 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.
- Practicing the New Commandment as a basis for bearing fruit (Eph. 4:12-15).

1. Three different concepts translated as “dwell”.
  - a) Dwell: to take up residency (Rom. 8:9 *cf.* Col. 1:27; 1 Jn. 5:11-12). Not conditional.
  - b) Settle in at home— (Eph. 3:17).
  - c) Abide: to be at ease, a close inner-family relationship as John uses it (Jn. 15:4-5; 1 Jn. 2:6, 24, 28).
2. Abiding a condition for bearing fruit (Jn. 15:1-16).
  - a) The Father is the Vine Master (v.1).
  - b) Christ is the Vine (v. 1).
  - c) Christians are the branches (v 2).
  - d) Unfruitful branches are removed (v. 2, 6).
  - e) Fruitful branches are pruned (v.2).
  - f) Abiding is reciprocal relationship (v 4).
  - g) Different levels of bearing fruit and therefore degrees of abiding (v. 5).
  - h) Conditional promise for “asking” (v. 7).

Every use of this asking is conditional upon abiding and for the Body's benefit—fulfilling the New Commandment.
  - i) Guarding Christ's commandments is abiding in His quality of love (v. 10).
  - j) This love is self-sacrificial (v. 13).