

Overcoming the World System

- I.** Is the world system dead to me? (Gal. 6:14). *'Red Flags'*
1. Do I use the world system knowing that its ruler is already judged (Is. 14:15) and his sentence will be carried out? (Rev. 20:2, 10).
 2. Do I use the world system knowing that it will be destroyed? (Ps. 2:7-9; Rev. 2:26-27 *cf.* 1 Cor. 7:31; 1 Jn. 2:17).
 3. Where am I most vulnerable? (1 Jn. 2:16-17; Gal. 5:24).
 4. Am I a friend of the world system, principles, values? (Jam. 4:4; Jn. 15:13-15).
 5. Am I loving the Son? (Jn. 14:21; 13:34; Jam. 1:12).
 6. Am I loving the Father? (1 Jn. 4:16-21).
- II.** Learning to say "NO" to the world system's lusts (Tit. 2:11-12).
1. Being 'taught' by 'grace'.
 - 1) Not taught by legalistic rules (*cf.* Gal. 5:18, 23).
 - 2) Not done in one's own strength (Eph. 2:8).
 - 3) Taught by the Holy Spirit (1 Jn. 2:20, 27).
 - 4) 'Grace' as a concept is New Testament truth (Jn. 1:16-17).
 2. Living 'sensibly, righteously, and godly' in this present evil age.
 - 1) Knowing the ruler of the evil age is Satan (2 Cor. 4:4).
 - 2) Knowing the evil age's objective is to thwart Christians living out eternal life (Mk. 10:30; 1 Jn. 5:11-13).
 - 3) Knowing and rejecting the wisdom of the evil age.
 - i. This age disputes God's method for salvation (1 Cor. 1:18, 20).
 - ii. This age disputes God's method for Christians to mature spiritually (1 Cor. 2:6).
 - iii. This age disputes anything Christ-like (1 Cor. 3:18).
- III.** Living in view that it may be my last day on earth (Jam. 4:14).
1. The time is short (1 Cor. 7:29-31 *cf.* Eph. 5:25-30; Rom. 12).
 2. Am I a true witness? (1 Pet. 3:15-16).
 3. Am I genuinely thankful? (1 Thes. 5:18).
 4. Am I content with my station in life? (Phil. 4:11-13; 1 Tim. 6:4-8, 11-12).