A Journey Through 1 John (Part 7)
1 John 2:15-17

Introduction:
- – Newton's law of gravity
- – Overcoming the world's gravitational pull

3 Keys to Overcoming the World's Gravitational Pull:

1.) Recognize God's A_____ Toward the World (v15)
- – 1 John 2:15
- – What "world" is John referring to?
    - A.) The world of _____.
        - – This is a reference to the _____ world around us which involves the mountains, the trees, the rivers, the beautiful wonder of a sunset, etc.
    - B.) The world of _____.
        - – John 3:16
    - C.) The world of _____.
        - – The world in which John is referring to in this text represents a system of values, priorities, beliefs and ideologies that completely _____ God.
- – Who is behind this evil system?
    - – Ephesians 2:1-2
    - – S_____ is the energy behind the world's evil system.
    - – John 12:31
- – Worldly values and ideologies that stem from Satan:
    - A.) Satan is the propagator of h_____.
        - – Humanism is a system of thought that centers on the value and worth of_____ while rejecting God.
    - B.) Satan is the propagator of m_____.
        - – Materialism is a system of thought that centers on the value of _____ while rejecting God.
        - – Materialism is the mind-set that _____ are more important than people, and that having _____ is more important than living for God.
    - C.) Satan is the propagator of h_____.
        - – Hedonism is a system of thought that centers on the value of personal

_____ while rejecting God.

    – It is the mind-set which says, "If it feels _____, do it."

2.) Acknowledge the I_____ Nature of the World (v16)

  – There are three gateways by which the world influences a person:

  A.) Lust of the _____.

    – This refers to any type of lust or desire that appeals to our _____ or fallen

      _____.

    – Examples:

      – Recreation

      – Relaxation

  B.) Lust of the _____.

    – This refers to any type of lust or desire that appeals specifically to our _____.

    – Examples:

      – Possessions

      – People

  C.) Boastful _____ of life.

    – This refers to any lust or desire that appeals to our _____ about

      ourselves.

    – Examples:

      – Desire for popularity

      – Desire for position.

  – Jesus' example of resisting these three appeals: Luke 4

3.) Understand the P_____ Nature of the World (v17)

  – 1 John 2:17

  – The world and its value system is _____.

Conclusion:

  – 1 Tim. 2:4