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THE 1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD LETTERS OF JOHN

John's central argument in his first letter:

- Love for things _____ to God is _____ with love for God.

Key theological insight for John:

- God has _____ in human history.

Central aspect of christian hope for John:

- Help, in the person of Jesus, has _____ come.

"You cannot love the name of Jesus while organizing _____ around the same appetites, possessions, appearances, and ambitions that govern the passing world."

"What shapes our _____ will eventually shape our _____."

John's instruction to his congregation?

- _____.

One Thing:

- We _____ 'the world' by becoming more deeply _____ in Christ.



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1. What is one person, place, or thing that has greatly influenced or shaped who you are? What this a positive influence, or a negative influence?
2. When you hear John say, "Do not love the world," what do you instinctively think he means?
3. Where are you most tempted to look for satisfaction, security, or significance apart from God?
4. **Read 1 John 2:15-17.** John describes "the world" as attitudes and values opposed to God. Where do you see those values expressed through appetites, possessions, appearances, or ambitions? Why is love for these things incompatible with love for God?
5. **Read 1 John 2:18-23.** According to verses 22-23, what specifically makes a person or teaching "antichrist"? How does John's definition compare with the way the word is commonly used?
6. John responds to false teaching by telling the church to abide in what they heard from the beginning. Why is abiding a better response than fear, speculation, or obsession?
7. What encouragement do verses 20-21 offer to believers who feel uncertain or overwhelmed by competing claims about Jesus?
8. What influence, appetite, or ambition may be forming you more deeply than you realized? What would it look like to loosen its hold?

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