

SERMON NOTES

Better Than the World: Abiding in God Forever

1 John 2:11–27 | Matt Green | July 14, 2019

Writing to Different Groups (2:12–14)

- Children, fathers, young men
- John is affirming things that are true of the whole church
 - Their sins are forgiven
 - They know the Father and Jesus
 - They overcome the devil
- *Side note:* We need people of different generations in our lives

Do Not Love the World (2:15–17)

- The “world” is the world system opposed to God and His ways
- Love is properly directed to God and humans, so love for the world is an inverted love
- The things of the world
 - The desires of the flesh
 - The desires of the eyes
 - Pride of life

Living in the World in Simplicity (Richard Foster)

- Buy things for their usefulness rather than for their status
- Reject anything that is producing an addiction in you
- Give things away
- Refuse to be propagandized by the custodians of modern gadgetry
- Learn to enjoy things without owning them
- Look with healthy skepticism at all “buy now, pay later” schemes

Antichrists vs. God’s Anointed (2:18–27)

- Antichrists: Those opposed to Jesus
- The anointing = The Holy Spirit
 - Christians are anointed ones, like Jesus was the Anointed One
 - The Spirit teaches believers
- A solid ground for resisting antichrists and the world
 - The message of the Gospel
 - The Holy Spirit within believers

Am I being shaped by the world, or by the Lord?