

“The Temptations of Satan: “Love the World” (Part 3)

“Be Self-Sufficient and Self-Righteous” (Part 2)

“Avoid Self-Denial and Suffering” (Part 1)

Luke 3:21-22; Luke 4:1-13; 1 John 2:15-17

*“You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with **the world** is enmity (opposed or hostile towards) with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of **the world** makes himself an enemy of God.”*  
(James 4:4)

*“For Demas, in love with **this present world**, has deserted me (Paul) and gone to Thessalonica.”*  
(2 Timothy 4:10; cf. 1 John 2:15a)

**The World:** Satan’s systems for opposing God’s Will, God’s Word, and God’s Work, through lusts, covetousness, dissatisfaction, laziness, safety, distraction, backwards priorities, abuses, baseless feelings, lies, godless education, and indoctrination (1 John 5:19).

*“I write to you, young men, because **you are strong**, and **the word of God abides in you**, and **you have overcome the evil one.**” (1 John 2:14b)*

- **The Desires of the Flesh:** *“Since You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.”*
  - **The Desires of the Flesh** are good, natural desires being used in an unlawful way; They are good desires abused, worshiped, or delighted in more than God.
    - Hunger leading to Gluttony; Thirst leading to Drunkenness; Sleep leading to Laziness; Needs leading to Excess; Sex leading to Sexual Immorality; Discipline leading to Legalism; Grace leading to Spiritual Laziness; Money leading to Desiring to be Rich; Authority leading to Abusiveness.
- **The Desires of the Eyes:** *“If You, then, will worship me, it will all be Yours.”*
  - **The Desires of the Eyes** are the temptations of worldly, non-satisfying, non-lasting delights, forsaking true eternal delights!
    - Secular Entertainment; Intellectualism or Worldly Thinking; Counsel of the Ungodly; Participating in what you Covet; “Building Bigger Barns”; and “Black Hole” Desires (Psalm 1:1-2).
    - *“The Christian disposition is ‘enough for me and abundance for the Work of God’.” (John Piper [cf. Acts 20:35])*
- **The Pride of Life:** *“Since You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here.”*
  - **The Pride of Life** is the desire for significance, recognition, importance, status symbols of success, accolades, salaries, vacations, vehicles, homes, and overall impressiveness.
    - What I do is important, essential, valuable, because man’s praise says so. Instead God is important, essential, valuable, because God’s Word says so.

**Worship:** Glorious Day — Casting Crowns

All Creatures — Kings Kaleidoscope

How Deep — Kings Kaleidoscope

**Closing Song:** Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me — CityAlight

**Service Times:** Sundays: Prayer 4:30/Church 5:30; Tuesdays: (In-Home) Bible Study: Women 6:30/Men 6:30 & 7; Thursdays: Prayer 6:20/Church 7

**Announcements:**

★**DONATIONS:** Today is the LAST DAY that we are collecting monetary donations for the Lambs. The Lambs live and serve in Papua New Guinea, working to translate the Bible into the multiple native languages of that region. There is a container on the back table for your monetary donations. You can also give on Venmo, please make sure to note that it is for the Lambs. Currently, the Lambs' are humbly seeking \$616 per month to complete their Wycliffe ministry budget. (This budget is set for them by Wycliffe Bible Translators, and it is fine-tuned to allow them to live and work for a 3-year term in PNG.) A monthly gift of \$110 will cover 1% of their budget. If you are interested in partnering with their ministry, talk to one of the elders and they will get you the necessary information.

★**SERVICE TIME CHANGE & CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE: PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THIS ANNOUNCEMENT!!** On Sunday, December 24th, we will be transitioning to our morning worship service time! This will be our Christmas Eve service, at 10:30am. *We will NOT be having an evening service on Christmas Eve!* Christmas Eve is a great opportunity to invite friends, relatives, and co-workers to join you for church.

\*A note to all parents: There will be NO Children's Ministry for the Christmas Eve service. Please know that you are welcome to use the Flex Room at the back of the sanctuary if at any point you need to remove your child from our gathering. One parent must be in the Flex Room with their child at all times.

★**NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY:** Our annual New Year's Eve Party will be on Sunday, December 31st, at Andy Wesley's house 1062 National Drive SE; Hebron). The festivities will start at 6pm and last until midnight! Please plan on joining us for a fun night of games and food and fellowship!

★**FELLOWSHIP DINNER:** We are having a Fellowship Dinner NEXT Sunday, December 3rd, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list on the back table, please sign-up to bring something to the dinner. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the dinner and fellowship with us!

★**COMMUNION:** We will be celebrating and partaking of Communion together as a church body NEXT Sunday, December 3rd.

★**CHURCH DAY OF PRAYER:** *THIS* Wednesday, November 29th, will be our monthly church day of prayer. We ask that everyone set aside a specific time of prayer on that day to pray for the leaders and ministries of our church body.