

Lies We Believe: Righting the World

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Questions: If you watch movies, what is the usual way that you watch them? Why? Besides piracy, where have you seen the definition of “right and wrong” shift?

**The “world” is the ordered systems
that communities of people use
to determine right from wrong apart from God.**

Read John 12:31; John 16:11, 1 John 2:16

Question: Based on these verses, how do the enemies of our souls relate to each other?

English “world” / Greek “*kosmos*” can mean: the universe, or humanity, or ordered systems

Question: How do the three items in 1 John 2:16 show up with Adam and Eve in Genesis 3 and Jesus in Luke 4?

Options for how to resist the “world” as our enemy:

1. Monastic life

Read John 17:14-18

2. List of Do’s and Do Not’s

Read 1John 2:15

Worldliness is not so much a matter of activity as of attitude. As a follower of Jesus, anything that decreases your enjoyment of the Father’s love or your desire to do His will is worldly.

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3. Blur the lines
You can’t “abide” in Jesus and “imbibe” the world.

4. Be the church
English “church” / Greek “*ekklesia*” literally means “to call out from.”

Question: In this sense, how does the church become a “counter-culture” to the “world”?

Read John 16:33

Question: How does “peace” become an indicator of how we are responding to the “world”?

The counter-culture of the church is not about fighting against the world as much as it is showcasing an attractive alternative.

Read Matthew 5:14,16

Question: What “grade” would you give yourself on how you are living your life with this image of the church?

**The church is a community of deep relational ties
in a culture of individualism and isolation.**

John Mark Comer

Questions: What are you doing to nurture deep relational ties as the church? What does a counterculture community living out a “beautiful resistance” in our city look like? What does it look like in Nanaimo in 2022? What step will you take that moves you further from the world and closer to living the life of Jesus as His church?