

**True Love Tells... Us what not to and what to love
1 John 2:15-3:10**

How does the love of God radically set a standard for believers' faith and practice in a world where everyone feels entitled to the satisfaction of their desires?

The love of God radically sets a standard for believer's faith and conduct...

- I. Instructing us against the life-draining parasitic affections of this world 1 John 2:15-17.**
 - a. The world's parasitic affections: the appetites of the flesh, appetites of the eyes, the pride of life.
 - b. Victory over these spiritual parasites: Luke 4:1-13, John 14:15-17, Revelation 2:1-5, 14-16.

- II. Instructing us against the divisiveness and deceit of Christ-supplanting relationships 1 John 2:18-27, Matthew 10:34-39, Revelation 2:6, 18-23.**

- III. Encouraging us to become resilient Christ-like saved, sanctified, and satisfied believers 1 John 3:1-10, Revelation 3:7-11.**

**Give God your undivided devotion
And you will be free to love others
Not out of the hunger of your appetites
But out of the fullness of a God-satisfied heart.**

1. What parasitic affections in your life are keeping you from the life-giving power of God's word? Is Christ still your first love or are you just going through the motions?
2. What relationships are competing with your devotion to Christ either individually or in community? Is anyone trying to uproot you from where God has planted you luring you with the promise of "greener grass" that will finally meet your needs/wants?
3. Are you willing to commit for the long-run where God has planted you in order to become resilient and hopeful?