

John of Patmos - author of Gospel of John, Revelation & 1,2,3 John

- *John 1:35–36* *“Behold, the Lamb of God!”*
- *Mark 3:17* *“Sons of Thunder”*
- *John 13:23* *His disciples, whom Jesus loved.*
- *John 19:27* *“Behold, your mother!”*
 - *Gospel of John – Receive eternal life*
- *John 20:31* *but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.*
 - *Epistle of 1 John – Assurance of eternal life*
- *1 John 5:13* *These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.*

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Psalm 24:1

a. Not to love the world. Vs. 15a

In a Positive Sense: John 3:16; Romans 1:20

In a Negative Sense: 1 John 2:15; James 4:4

1 John 5:19; John 15:18;

b. Who are those that love God Vs. 15b

Matthew 6:24;

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The believers are **forgiven** (1 John 2:12),
Believers have a true **knowledge** of God (Col. 1:9-10),
Believers **have the Word** of God abiding in them (Ps. 119:11),
Believers have **overcome** Satan (1 John 4:4)
and have an increasingly intimate **relationship** with God the Father. (1 John 2:12-14),

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Genesis 3:6

- a. **The first enticement is through the bodily appetite. Vs. 16a**
“lust of the flesh.”

the lust Ga. 5:16; the filthiness 2 Co. 7:1; the works Ro. 13:12; Gal. 5:19

Matthew 26:41

Hebrews 4:15

Matthew 4:3

Matthew 4:4, (quoting Deuteronomy 8:3)

Matthew 4:1–11; Luke 4:1–13

Psalm 119:11

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“the lust of the eyes”
- Ps. 119:37;*
Josh. 7:21;
Job 31:1
Ecclesiastes 2:10-11
Matthew 4:8-9
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“boastful pride of life”

Eccl. 4:4; Luke 12:15

1 John 3:13; James 1:27b

Rom. 12:2

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Gen. 13-14; 2 Peter 2:6–8; 1 Cor. 3:12–15

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- **3. THE WARNING: The World is passing away. Vs. 17**
 - a. *The world is temporary. Vs. 17a*
Isaiah 40:8
 - b. *God’s will is permanent. Vs. 17b*
John 6:40

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A brief challenge to love God more than this world.

- **Turn your eyes from what fades** — don’t let lust, greed, or pride capture your heart.
- **Anchor your love in God** — He alone offers what is eternal.
- **Live forever in Christ, not for now** — choose the will of God over the cravings of the world.

▪ ***1 Timothy 6:6–10 (LSB)***

6 But godliness actually is a means of great gain, when accompanied by contentment.

7 For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either.

8 And if we have food and covering, with these we shall be content.

9 But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction.

10 For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evils, and some by aspiring to it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.