

SHINE - 1 John 2:12-17

Memory Verse: 1 John 2:15 - “Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.”

1. We overcome the evil one by knowing Christ’s love. Know Him through personal, intentional, intimate relationship. *1 John 2:12-14*

3 ways to overcome the evil one.

1. Know His Forgiveness, trust His grace.
2. Know His Strength, be strong in faith.
3. Know His Word, let Him abide in you.

You must be in the Word for the Word to be in you- Let His Word light up my life and fill my mind with God’s truth.

2. We overcome misplaced desires for the world by fully receiving Christ’s love. His love is enough for me. *1 John 2:15-16; John 15:19; 1 Timothy 6:17-19*

Worldliness: “Anything in a Christian’s life that causes him to lose his enjoyment of the Father’s love or his desire to do the Father’s will.” - **Warren Wiersbe, BEC**

3 misplaced desires for the World that are overcome by receiving Christ’s love.
The desires of the flesh-
The desires of the eyes-
The pride of life-

3. We overcome “passing away” by practicing Christ’s love. Practice His love by participating in His will for my life. *1 John 2:17*

Next Week’s Reading Guide:

- 1 John 2:18
- 1 John 2:19-20
- 1 John 2:21
- 1 John 2:22-23
- 1 John 2:24-25
- 1 John 2:26-27
- 1 John 2:28-29

Discussion Questions:

1. Of the 3 ways to overcome the evil one, which comes most easily to you? Which of the 3 is most challenging? Discuss.
2. Of the 3 misplaced desires to overcome, which is easiest to replace with Christ’s love? Which is the most challenging? Share.
3. How are you practicing Christ’s love and overcoming the sense of “passing away” of the world? In other words, what are you doing with your life that will “abide forever”? Discuss.