

# 1 John Class Schedule

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## Today's Verses

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<sup>16</sup> For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.

<sup>17</sup> The world is passing away, and *also* its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.

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[you brethren] do not love the world

love – *agapaō* is used to express God's divine love

- used of God's love for a lost race of sinners - John 3:16
- the love which God is by His nature - 1 John 4:8
- which is produced in saints by the Holy Spirit - Gal. 5:22
- but here, *agapaō* is used merely in its classical meaning: "out of one's heart by the preciousness of the object loved"

Wuest

- 2 Tim 4:10 for Demas, having loved this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica
- verb *agapao* is present, imperative, active
- John, in this letter, says that this continuous action in the present is possible by the brethren.

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[you brethren] **do not love the world** – cont.

**not** = *me* – primary particle of negation

- The Greek negative prohibition *me* with the present active imperative verb. Constable

- means either stop doing something or do not have the habit of doing it Constable

- The Greek speaks of the act of forbidding the continuance of an action already going on.\*

- Some of John's readers were still loving the world system out from which they had been saved.\*

**Stop considering the world precious with the result that you love it.**

\* Wuest

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**world** – *kosmos* - at least three general senses attach to this expression.\*

1. The material earth as a creation of God (Acts 17:24).
2. The inhabitants of the world. These are the ones whom God loved and for whom Christ died (John 3:16).
3. The institutions [and philosophies] of men as set up independent of God and headed by Satan, that is, the satanic system organized upon principles of self, greed, armament, and commercialism. This is the world that God does not love and the believer is warned against loving (1 John 2:15-17).

The word *kosmos* is used 176 times in all.      \* Chafer

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- The *kosmos* represents the system of values, priorities, and beliefs that unbelievers hold that excludes God.

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- verse 16 will give us more details about the things of the world

If anyone loves the world – present, subjunctive, active

- If - 3<sup>rd</sup> class cond. – it has not happened, but it probably will
- The expression is a hypothetical condition in the subjunctive mode.\*

If anyone as a habit of life is considering the world precious and is therefore loving it,

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the love of the Father is not in him

or better - the love for the Father (objective genitive)

- This is love for the Father as generated in the heart of the yielded believer by the Holy Spirit. Wuest
- This is John's warning that our love for the world cannot coexist with our love for the Father.
- Gal 5:16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.
- And here the word "love" (*agapē*) is used in its New Testament sense. Wuest

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## For all that is in the world

- John summarized the appeal of the world system as three-fold.\*

- here is a picture of the [so called] infernal trinity\*

- the three faces of the world, three sources of worldly temptation

\* Constable

- Gen 3:6 When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.

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## 1<sup>st</sup> - the lust of the flesh

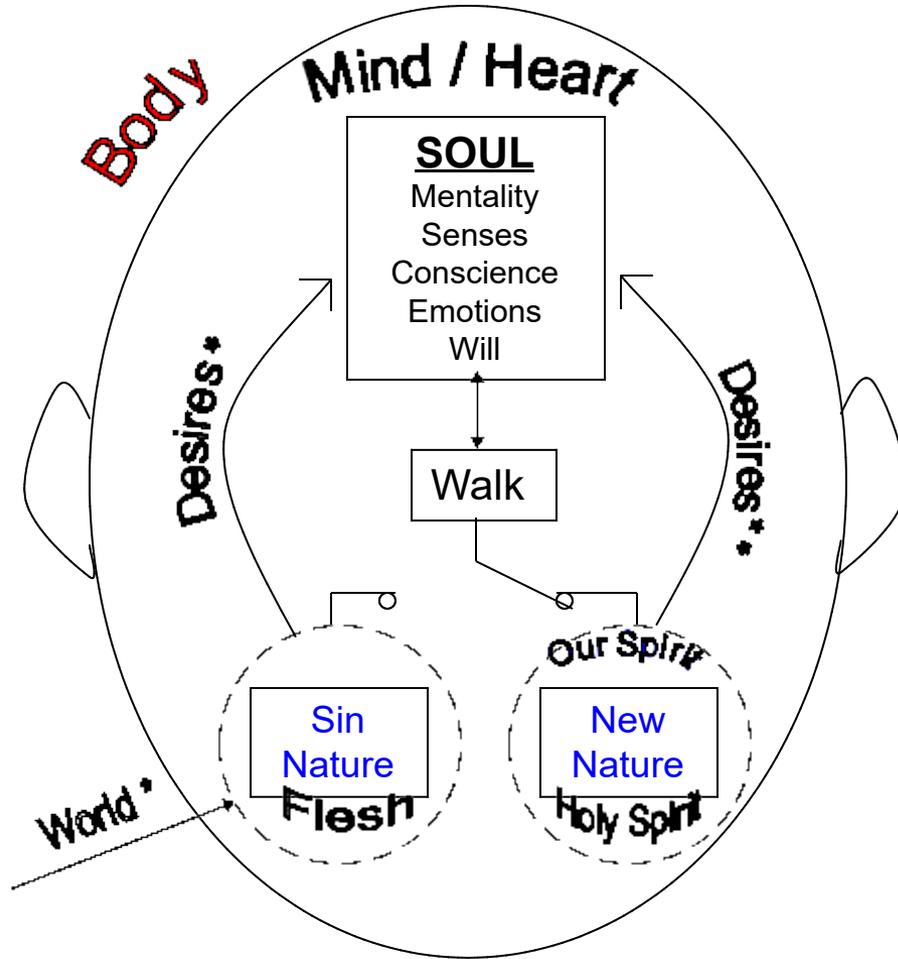
**lust** - *epithymia* - a desire, craving, longing, mostly of evil desires

**flesh** - *sarx* - which here [1 John 2:16] refers to the totally depraved nature as governing the individual's reason, will, and emotions.\* see Rom 7:18

- Thus, the lust of the flesh is the passionate desire or the craving that comes from the evil nature [sin nature]\*
- The lust of the flesh in modern western civilization is usually hedonism or idolizing pleasure. Constable
- The physical body and its members in themselves have no evil desires except as controlled by the totally depraved nature.

\* Wuest

# Walking in the Spirit



Gal 5:16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.

17 For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please.

\* lust of the flesh, lust of eyes, pride of life

\*\* fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, etc.

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> - the lust of the eyes

the passionate desire of the eyes          Wuest

- Now, John speaks of another of the manifestations of the evil nature, the lust of the eyes.
- The passionate cravings of the eyes for satisfaction, these cravings finding their source in the evil nature [sin nature].
- Perhaps the most common manifestation of the lust of the eyes is excessive buying (materialism, idolizing possessions).          Constable

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### 3<sup>rd</sup> - the boastful pride of life

the pride of life [assurance in one's own resources or in the stability of earthly things] Amplified

- This pride of life is another manifestation of the evil nature [sin nature].
- Perhaps the most common manifestation of the pride of life is trying to control (egoism, idolizing power).

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The world is passing away

is passing away - *paragō* – present, indicative, passive

present – continual action

indicative – statement of fact

passive – the subject [world] is being acted upon

is being caused to pass away

Wuest

*also its lusts*

- therefore the lusts mentioned in verse 16 are also passing away

<sup>17</sup> The world is passing away, and *also* its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.

But the one who keeps on habitually doing the will of God abides forever.

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- Positionally all believers have done the will of God by putting their faith in the person and work of Christ.
- 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.
- Conditionally we walk by faith i.e. abide in Him
- Col 2:6 Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,
- John 10:28 and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.