

1 John 2:15 – 25

English Standard Version

1 ¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world. If
 2 anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in
 3 him. ¹⁶ For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh
 4 and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from
 5 the Father but is from the world. ¹⁷ And the world is
 6 passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the
 7 will of God abides forever. ¹⁸ Children, it is the last hour,
 8 and as you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now
 9 many antichrists have come. Therefore we know that it is
 10 the last hour. ¹⁹ They went out from us, but they were not
 11 of us; for if they had been of us, they would have
 12 continued with us. But they went out, that it might become
 13 plain that they all are not of us. ²⁰ But you have been
 14 anointed by the Holy One, and you all have knowledge.
 15 ²¹ I write to you, not because you do not know the truth,
 16 but because you know it, and because no lie is of the truth.
 17 ²² Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the
 18 Christ? This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and
 19 the Son. ²³ No one who denies the Son has the Father.
 20 Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also. ²⁴ Let what
 21 you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you
 22 heard from the beginning abides in you, then you too will
 23 abide in the Son and in the Father. ²⁵ And this is the
 24 promise that he made to us—eternal life.

Observation (What does it say?):

What do you notice in this passage?

Connect repeated words or ideas that are repeated.

What words cluster together in parts of the passage?

What words appear throughout the passage?

What comparisons or contrasts does John use to make his points?

Interpretation (What does it mean?):

After observing the passage:

Where would you break this passage into paragraphs?

Where does John introduce new ideas in his thinking?

How do those changes affect the flow of his writing?

How do the different parts of this passage connect? Or is the passage about several separate topics?

What do you think was the main thought in John's mind as he wrote this section? How would you summarize his message here?

Application (What does it mean for me?):

What effect does this passage have on your thinking?

- Confusion?
- Comfort?
- Challenge?

Additional questions for thought and discussion:

Inductive Bible Study

(A few general ideas)

Observation
(What does it say?)

What facts do you **observe** about the passage that help bring out the writer's thought process?

- Who are the people involved?
- What action takes place?
- What type of literature is it (poetry, history, didactic, etc.)?
- What details are included or left out?
- Are any unusual words used?
- Is there symbolic language?
- What is the grammar of the passage (pronouns, prepositions, verb tenses)?
- Are words or ideas repeated?
- Any comparisons or contrasts?
- Any cause and effect?
- Are there indications of purpose ("in order that...")?
- Are there conclusions ("Therefore...")?
- Are there explanations?
- Does the passage logically break into sections?
- How would you summarize the passage?
- What would be a good "headline" for the passage?

Interpretation
(What does it mean?)

What questions come to mind about the facts that would help you **interpret** the meaning?

- How would the original readers have understood the passage?
- What is the main emphasis?
- Why does the writer use repetition, or contrast, or unusual words?
- What does the grammar or structure of the passage reveal about the writer's thought pattern?
- Is there a logical sequence in the passage?
- How are different ideas in the passage connected?
- Are there any new ideas or concepts presented?
- Are there difficulties in the passage?

Application
(What does it mean for me?)

What is the impact on your life? What **application** does the Holy Spirit want to show you?

- Is there a command to obey?
- Is there a promise to be thankful for?
- Is there an attribute of God to worship?
- Is there an example to follow?

**Read nothing into the Scriptures, but draw everything from them, and suffer nothing to remain hidden that is really in them.
J.A. Bengel (1687-1752)**