

First John: Enemies of God

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World

- a. Physical world, created order
- b. Humanity, mankind
- c. Invisible, spiritual system of evil

Matt 6:24 (Luke 16:13)... No one can serve two masters.

How long will you hesistate between two opinions? (1 Kings 18)

What's not to love?

the lust of the flesh,

the lust of the eyes, and

the pride in one's lifestyle

We are tempted when we are “*drawn away and enticed by [our] own evil desires.*” (James 1:14)

In Genesis 3 – Eve

In Luke 4 – Jesus

1 Cor 10:13

Antichrist

- a. Opposing Christ
- b. Substituting for/displacing Christ

*But you!*²⁰ *But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you have knowledge.*

John 17:3 *This is eternal life: that they may **know** You, the only true God, and the One You have sent—Jesus Christ.*

John 8:44

2 Cor 11:14

*But you!*⁴ *You are from God, little children, and you have conquered them, because **the One who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.***

The victory over temptation and against false teaching is assured because

- the Spirit of God is in us (4:4)
- He keeps us from living a life of sin (3:9)
- He *teaches us about all things* (2:27)
- He “*testifies together with our spirit that we are God’s children*” (Rom 8:16b)
- He is “*The Holy Spirit of promise who seals us*” ... (Eph 1:13)

But you!

You are from God (4:4)

You are God’s children (3:1).

You have an anointing and have knowledge (2:20)

1 John 2:12-14: *Your sins have been forgiven. You have come to know the One who is from the beginning. You have come to know the Father. You are strong, God’s word remains in you, and you have had victory over the evil one.*