

Love Not the World, A Study on Worldliness

Session 2: Worldliness v. Good Works,
How Good Works Manifest God's Children
Romans 8

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Re-Cap: A Battle of Loves

- Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. (1Jn.2:15)
- Men loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. (John 3:19)
- Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever, therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. (James 4:4)

How Good Works are a Manifestation of the Holy Spirit

- Good Works are the Holy Spirit's works accomplished in those who walk after the Spirit, and not the flesh
- Good Works stand out under the pressure of persecution and suffering.
- A more accurate term for Good Works would be "God Works", for they arise out of God's character and promises.

Believers are Predestined to do Good Works

- Predestination is God's goal to make us like His Son by sharing in His inheritance and sharing His suffering.
(See Romans 8)
- Ephesians 2:10 "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto Good Works, which God foreordained that we should walk in them."

Teachings on Good Works

- Matt. 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven
- John 10:32 Jesus answered them, Many good works have I showed you from my Father; for which of those works do you stone me?
- Rom 13:3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same:
- 2Tim 3:17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.
- Titus 2:14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.