

03 - 1 John 2:12-17 – Driven by Love**A clash of cultures**

What struggles do you have in living as a follower of Jesus?

... how are you going swimming against the tide?

1) Confident assurance

1 John 2:12-14 ... a strange insert?

... they are specifically addressed as people representative of the whole gathering of God's people...

Why is he saying these things to them all?

... assure them of the full and real salvation that original gospel message brings.

- v 12 that their sins have been forgiven on account of Jesus' name.
- v 13 Jesus is from the beginning and has overcome the evil one.
- v 14... repeats it all

Their salvation is real and secure...even if they still struggle against sin.

2) Confident living

... refers to 'the world' in a negative way.

...how do we live for Jesus confidently and well... in the world, the place that the evil one rules and godless disobedient living reigns?

- v15 ... we cannot love the world.
- v16 ... the lusts of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life.

Lusts of the flesh = self indulgent living.

Lusts of the eyes = we see it, we want it and we pursue it till we have it.

Pride of life = we live for self glory and self promotion.

3) Your choice

a) v16, none of these things that are 'of the world', come from God.

b) v17, all these things that the world offers are simply passing away but obedience to the will of God offers last forever

For us today

1) Remember your confident hope

2) Let scripture shape your actions

3) A choice to make**a) When distinctions are harder to spot**

When does a “desire to enjoy the good things of life” turn into a “lust of the flesh”?

... a reflection of a person’s heart

What impact does my passion for my hobby have on my serving God.

4) What are you pursuing?