

1 John Series

Lesson 17

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1:1–4	Prologue—call to sharing eternal life with God through the apostles
1:5–2:11	Preamble—daily interacting with the Triune God
	1:5–2:2 fellowship with God the Father at His Holy Integrity
	2:3–8 fellowship with God the Son at His Commandments
	2:9–11 fellowship with God the Holy Spirit at His work in believers
2:12–27	Purpose—call to resist the doomed world system and its Christ-denying teachers
	2:12–14 resistance begins with confidence in the Spirit's work in one's life
	2:15–17 resistance utilizes the strategic envelopment of the world-system being accomplished by the Father
	2:18–27 resistance adheres to the Spirit-confirmed, once-for-all time apostolic doctrine that renders innovation unnecessary and contradictory

Chafer on the Meaning of “Cosmos”

“This word means *order, system, regulation*, and indicates that the world is an order or system, but in every instance—and there are many—where a moral feature of the world is in view, this *cosmos* world is said to be opposed to God. It is declared to have originated—in its plan and order—with Satan. . . . This *cosmos* is largely characterized by its ideals and entertainments. . . . These features of the *cosmos* are often close counterfeits of the things of God and in no place does the believer need divine guidance more than when attempting to draw a line of separation between the things of God and the things of Satan’s *cosmos*.”

~Chafer, *Systematic Theology*, II, 330

Warning About the Cosmos' Lust of the Flesh

“Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh, and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not the things you wish.”

Gal. 5:16–17

Warning About the Cosmos' Lust of the Eyes

“The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness.”

Matt. 6:22–23

Warning About the Cosmos' Pride of Life (*Bios*)

“Whoever has the world’s goods (*bios*), and beholds his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him?”

1 John 3:17

Living with God's Strategic Envelopment of the Cosmos

“And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

Rom. 12:2

“The world (*cosmos*) is passing away, and its lusts; but the one who does the will of God abides forever.”

1 John 2:17