

**The World, The Cross
And The Church**
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— Study Note Outline —
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Three Tape Series

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**Delivered From This Present Evil Age
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I. Introduction

- A. Wisdom: Seeing things from God's perspective
 - 1. The sun does not revolve around the earth
 - 2. God does not revolve around man or exist for him
- B. World vs. age
 - 1. Age — Greek: *eon* — time
 - 2. World — Greek: *cosmos* — space

II. Age—Galatians 1:3–4

- A. Hebrews 1:1–2
 - 1. Jesus, the heir of all things
 - 2. Through Jesus God made the ages
 - 3. Jesus is the brightness of God's glory
 - 4. Jesus is the express image of God
 - 5. Jesus upholds all things by the word of God's power
 - 6. Jesus purged our sins
 - 7. Jesus sat at God's right hand
- B. Theory of relativity
 - 1. You cannot specify space without time or time without space.
 - 2. "Worlds" connotes space and "ages" connotes time.
- C. Hebrews 11:3
 - 1. The ages were brought into being by something that is not visible: the Word of God.
 - 2. What cannot be seen is the ultimate reality (2 Cor. 4:18)
- D. Ages are made up of generations (Eph. 3:21)
- E. Ages of ages: forever and forever:
 - 1. "I am alive for the 'ages of the ages'" (Rev. 1:18)
 - 2. Sevenfold doxology (giving glory to God) (Rev. 7:12)
 - 3. Jesus will reign (Rev. 11:15)
 - 4. Torment of Babylon (Rev. 19:3)

- 5. Torment of the devil, antichrist, etc. (Rev. 20:10)
- 6. Believers will reign (Rev. 22:5)
- F. Jesus came at the *consummation* of the ages (Heb. 9:26)
Cosmic applications for His coming
- G. The ends of the ages have come on us (1 Cor. 10:11)
All God's eternal purposes focus on us
- H. The present age is coming to an end
 - 1. Matt. 13:39–40, 49
 - 2. Matt. 24:3
 - 3. Matt. 28:19–20
- I. Jesus' name is supreme in this age and the next (Eph. 1:20–21)
Nothing is going to change the place of Jesus
- J. Satan is the god of this age (2 Cor. 4:3–4)
- K. The present age is evil (Gal. 1:4)
 - 1. We have been delivered from this present evil age
 - 2. We belong to the next age
- L. We taste the powers of the next age through the Holy Spirit (Heb. 6:4–5)
- M. The present age: (Matt 13:22)
 - 1. Causes worries
 - 2. Makes believers unfruitful
- N. Do not be conformed to the present age (Rom. 12:2)
 - 1. Primarily in your thinking
 - 2. Self-centered vs. God-centered
- O. A faithful servant *cannot* love this present age (2 Tim. 4:9–10)

III. Diagnosis (Phil. 3:17–21)

- A. Do not set your mind on earthly things
- B. Do not be an enemy of the cross of Christ
- C. The cross is the line of separation (Gal. 2:20)

The World That Satan Rules

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I. The World: Cosmos

- A. Definition: A social world order which is temporary (1 Pet. 2:5, 3:6)
- B. Satan has become the ruler of this world
 - 1. John 12:31, 16:11
 - 2. “He [Satan] has nothing in Me” (John 14:30)
- C. Satan controls through deception
 - 1. Satan has the whole world in his grasp (1 John 5:19)
 - 2. Satan deceives the *whole world* (Rev. 12:9)
- D. Satan rules over all rebels
 - 1. All of us are children of God's wrath because of our rebel nature (Eph. 2:1–3)
 - 2. A picture of Satan: “He is king over all the children of pride” (Job 41:34)
- E. Satan claims control of the governments of the world (Luke 4:5–7)
 - 1. The devil is a liar

- 2. The world was “betrayed” to Satan by Adam
- F. God loves the world and gave Jesus to die for it (John 3:16)
Despite all that is bad, God loves the world
- G. Cross: God’s judgment on Satan and the world
 - 1. The cross terminated Satan’s claims (John 12:31–32)
 - 2. The cross: the *just judgment* of God upon the world and our carnal nature
 - 3. “The ruler of this world is judged” (John 16:11)
- H. The cross resulted in Satan’s defeat
 - 1. Total, eternal, irreversible defeat
 - 2. The law was nailed to the cross (Col. 2:13–15)
 - 3. How the cross accomplished Satan’s defeat: It made provision for the past and the future
 - a. God can only bless the righteous
 - b. We must achieve righteousness to qualify
 - c. You *cannot* achieve righteousness by keeping a set of rules (Rom. 10:4)
 - d. Through the cross God made provision and forgave *all* sin
 - e. The law stood between God and us
 - f. Jesus removed the law as a requirement for achieving righteousness with God
 - g. We still stumble but our *faith* is reckoned to us as righteousness
- I. The world does not recognize Jesus or His disciples
 - 1. The world did not know Him (John 1:10)
 - 2. The world does not know us because it did not know Him (1 John 3:1)
- J. The world hates Jesus and His disciples
 - 1. John 15:18–19
 - 2. John 17:14
 - 3. Humanism is “the world”—they *hate* us
- K. The Spirit of God and the world are opposed (1 Cor. 2:12–13)
 - 1. The spirit of this world keeps Christians from the Spirit of God
 - 2. Any attempt to categorize man that leaves out the reality of the spirit distorts the truth. Man is *spirit*, soul and body.
- L. The Spirit of God in believers is greater than the spirit of the world
 - 1. We cannot afford to meet the world on its terms
 - 2. Be graceful, tactful, humble—*but* do not bow to this world

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I. The World—*Recap*

- A. A social world order in rebellion against God
- B. Through man’s fall Satan has become the ruler of this world
- C. Satan controls the world through deception
- D. Satan rules over all rebels (even Charismatics!)
- E. Satan claims to control the governments of this world
- F. God loves the world and gave Jesus to die for it

- G. Cross: God's judgment on Satan and the world
- H. Cross: resulted in Satan's defeat
- I. The world does not recognize Jesus or His disciples
- J. The world *hates* Jesus and His disciples
- K. The Spirit of God and the world are opposed
- L. The Spirit of God in believers is greater than the spirit of the world—The world and the spirit of the world *is humanism*

II. The World—*Continued*

- M. Believers are the light of the world (Matt. 5:14)
 1. Education is *not* light: God and His people are the *only* source
 2. The well-educated can be totally in the dark
 3. We only shine as we hold forth the light of the Word (Phil. 2:15)
- N. Believers represent Jesus in this world
 1. You are the only Bible somebody may ever read
 2. "As He is, so are we in this world" (1 John 4:17)
- O. Believers *must* proclaim the Gospel to the whole world (Matt. 24:14)
 1. Make *disciples*, not church members
 2. Signs will follow. . . . They don't follow because we don't *go*
- P. Believers *must* use but not abuse the world (1 Cor. 7:31)
Don't let the world grab you
- Q. Believers *must not* be contaminated by the world (James 1:26–27)
 1. Bridle your tongue or your religion is useless
 2. Visit orphans and widows (James 4:17)
 3. Keep oneself unspotted from the world
- R. Friendship with the world is *enmity* with God
 1. Be friendly with your neighbor but not the system (James 4:4)
 2. 1 John 2:15
- S. Believers must *expect* tribulation in the world (John 16:33)
Erroneous to believe if you have tribulation you are out of God's will
- T. Believers are victorious over the world through faith (1 John 5:4–5)—you don't overcome something unless it opposes you
- U. The world is corrupt through lust (2 Peter 1:3–4)
 1. Lust: Perverted desires
 2. Lust takes 3 forms: (1 John 2:15–17)
 - a. The lust of the flesh
 - b. The lust of the eyes
 - c. The pride of life—desire to exalt self
 3. Eve experienced all 3 forms of lust (Gen. 3:6)
 4. The essence of sin is the desire to be independent of God
 5. Jesus' temptation focused on all 3 forms of lust (Luke 4)
 - a. Bread: lust of the flesh
 - b. Kingdoms of the world: lust of the eyes
 - c. Cast yourself down/perform a miracle: the pride of life—All religious error enters by pride
 6. Corruption is irreversible (2 Tim. 3:1–5,13)
 7. Regeneration is needed (Matt. 19:28)

V. Present world is impermanent (1 John 2:17)

W. God is establishing a kingdom *not* of this world (John 18:36)

III. Remedy

A. The cross and *no other*

1. Those who are Christ's *have* crucified the flesh with its passions and desires (Gal. 5:24; Rom. 6:6)
2. Personalize Gal. 2:20: "I am crucified"
 - a. Deny *yourself*
 - b. Pick up *your* cross
3. The world has no claim this side of the cross (Gal. 6:14)

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<u>Reference</u>	<u>Spirit of God</u>	<u>Spirit of this world</u>
1 John 4:5–6	Truth	Error
1 Cor. 2:12–14	Reveals things of God	Ridicules things of God
John 16:14	Focuses on Christ	Focuses on man
Hebrews 9:14		
2 Cor. 4:17–18	Focuses on the eternal	Focuses on temporary
John 16:8	Convicts of sin, righteousness and judgment	Blinds to sin, righteousness and judgment "All things continue as they were." 2 Pet. 3:4
2 Timothy 1:7	Power (over evil) Love	Subjection to evil Strife/Hatred
	Sound mind/Self-control	Rashness/Self-Indulgence/ Arrogance
Hebrews 10:29	Supernatural grace	Fleshly effort