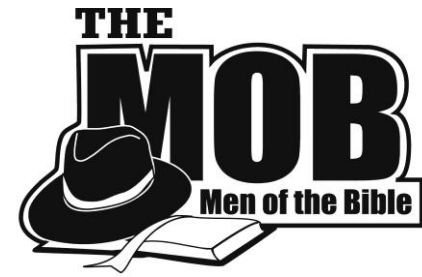




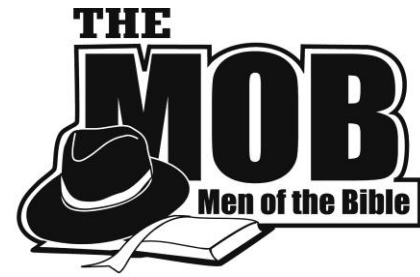
Announcements



- Welcome to the MOB!
- [IBC Season of Service, Nov 7](#)
- [WACMM Fall Men's Conference, Nov 7, 2015 at McLean Bible Church, 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM](#)
- [Core Strength, Tuesdays, 6:00 AM](#)
- [The Master's Seminary Extension](#)
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Memory Verse



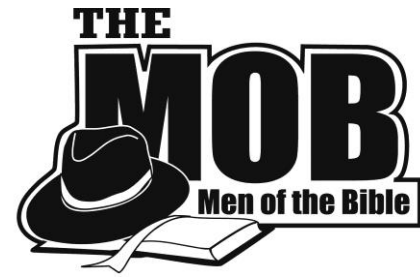
1 John 2:15-17 (ESV) -

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1 John 2:15-17



1 John Purposes



Pastoral:

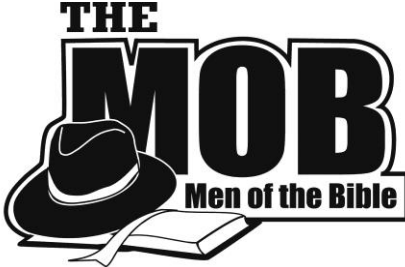
- “that you too may have fellowship” (1 John 1:3)
- “that your joy may be full” (1 John 1:4)
- “that you may not sin” (1 John 2:1)
- “that you may know you have eternal life” (1 John 5:13)

Polemic:

- “concerning those trying deceive you” (1 John 2:26)
- “make sure no one deceives you” (1 John 3:7)
- “test the spirits” (1 John 4:1-3)



1 John Outline

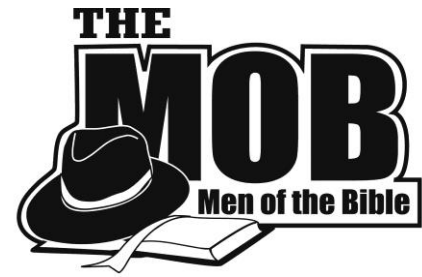


Focus	Basis of Fellowship		Behavior of Fellowship	
Reference	1:1 - 2:14	2:15 - 2:27	2:28 - 5:3	5:4 - 5:21
Division	Conditions for Fellowship	Cautions to Fellowship	Characteristics of Fellowship	Consequences of Fellowship
Topic	Meaning of Fellowship		Manifestations of Fellowship	
	Abiding in God's Light		Abiding in God's Love	
Time	Written in Ephesus around 90 AD			





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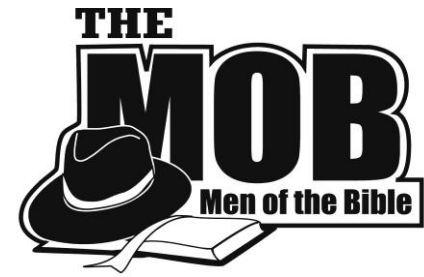


New Commandment

[1 John 2:7-11](#)



This Week

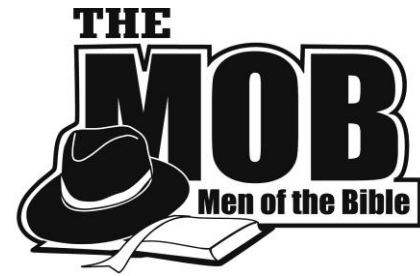


Writing to the Church [1 John 2:12-14](#)

Do not love the World [1 John 2:15-17](#)



1 John 2:12-14 (ESV) Writing to the Church



¹² I am writing to you, little children,
because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake.

¹³ I am writing to you, fathers,
because you know him who is from the beginning.

I am writing to you, young men,
because you have overcome the evil one.

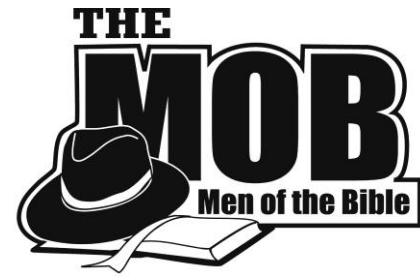
I write to you, children,
because you know the Father.

¹⁴ I write to you, fathers,
because you know him who is from the beginning.

I write to you, young men,
because you are strong,
and the word of God abides in you,
and you have overcome the evil one.



1 John 2:15-17 (ESV) Do not love the World

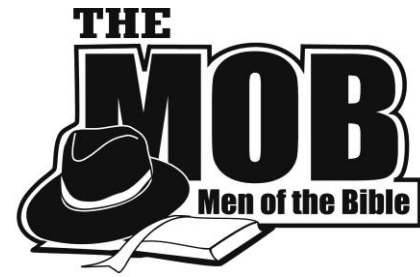


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1 John 2:12-17

Observation

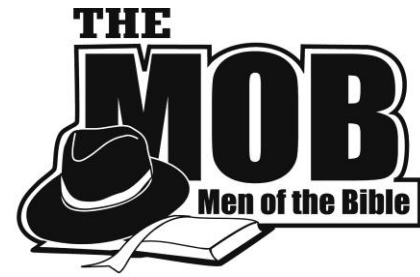


- 1 John 2:15 – “Do not love the world or anything in it.” What is “the world” in this passage?
- 1 John 2:15b-16 – “If any man love this world, the love of the Father is not in him.” Love defined by attitude or action?
- 1 John 2:17 – “The world is passing away.” Does decadence precede destruction?



1 John 2:12-17

Interpretation



- Describe the process and effects of the worldly system John warned against.
- Does [the story of Lot and his family](#) capture the thrust of 1 John 2:15-16? How so?
- 1 John 2:12-14 – What is the nature of a Christian versus non-Christian person? Is it valid to compare spiritual growth to physical maturation?



1 John 2:12-17

Application / Discussion

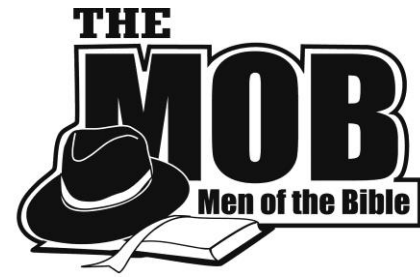


- How do we stand against a powerful world system that is shaped by spiritual forces opposed to God and His Son?
- Am I willing to make a decision to imitate Abraham instead of Lot?
- How do we move up the hierarchy of maturity in 1 John 2:12-14. How do we lead our family forward on that process?



1 John 2:12-17

Example



For Christians are not differentiated from other people by country, language, or customs; you see, they do not live in cities of their own, or speak some strange dialect, or have some peculiar lifestyle.

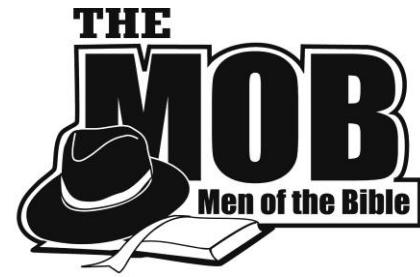
This teaching of theirs has not been contrived by the invention and speculation of inquisitive men; nor are they propagating mere human teaching as some people do. They live in Greek and foreign cities, wherever chance has put them. They follow local customs in clothing, food and other aspects of life. But at the same time, they demonstrate to us the wonderful and certainly unusual form of their own citizenship.

They live in their own native lands, but as aliens; as citizens, they share all things with others; but like aliens, suffer all things. Every foreign country is to them as their native country, and every native land as a foreign country.



1 John 2:12-17

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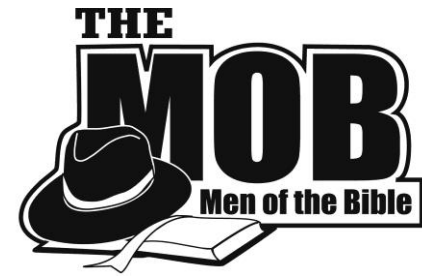
They marry and have children just like everybody else; but they do not kill unwanted babies. They offer a shared table, but not a shared bed. They are at present “in the flesh” but they do not live “according to the flesh”. They are passing their days on earth, but are citizens of heaven. They obey appointed laws, and go beyond the laws in their own lives.

They love one another, but are persecuted by all. They are unknown and condemned; they are put to death and gain life. They are poor and yet make many rich. They are short of everything and yet have plenty of all things. They are dishonored and yet gain glory through dishonor.



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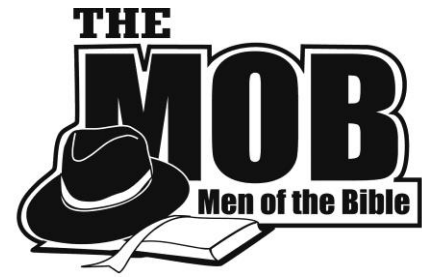
Their names are blackened and yet they are cleared. They are mocked and bless in return. They are treated outrageously and behave respectfully to others. When they do good, they are punished as evildoers; when punished, they rejoice as if being given new life. They are attacked by Jews as aliens, and are persecuted by Greeks; yet those who hate them cannot give a reason for their hostility.

To put it simply—the soul is to the body as Christians are to the world. The soul is spread through all parts of the body and Christians through all the cities of the world. The soul is in the body but is not of the body; Christians are in the world but not of the world.

-- From an anonymous *LETTER TO DIOGNETUS*, possibly dating from the second century AD



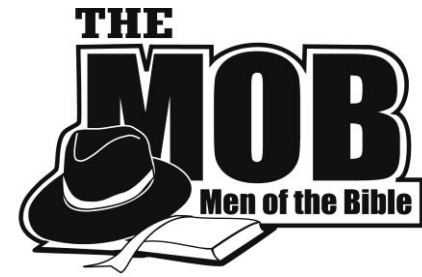
Closing



- Questions?
- Comments?
- Closing Prayer



Small Groups



- Introduction of Small Group Leaders
 - A** – Robert Ours & Scott Trammell (A201)
 - B** – Joel Benson & Essex Long (B209)
 - C** – Lowell Mininger & Jim Meisinger (B203)
 - D** – Tim Osburne & Web Tileston (Lobby Conf Rm)
 - E** – Terry Young & Kirk Streitmater (B205)
 - F** – Rick Oliver & David Brien (B213)
- Assignment of Men to Small Groups
- Small Groups Meetings
 - Bible Study
 - Prayer