



# The Folly of **WORLDLINESS**

1 John 2:15-17



# The Folly of Worldliness

## WHAT IS WORLDLINESS?

1 John 2:15–17 (NKJV)

<sup>15</sup> Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. <sup>16</sup> For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. <sup>17</sup> And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.





# The Folly of Worldliness

## WHAT IS WORLDLINESS?

Given to following passions

1 John 2:15–17 (NKJV)

<sup>16</sup> For all that is in the world—the **lust of the flesh**, the **lust of the eyes**, and **the pride of life**—is not of the Father but is of the world.





# The Folly of Worldliness

## WHAT IS WORLDLINESS?

**Given to following passions**

Galatians 5:19–21 (NKJV)

<sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh . . . adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, <sup>21</sup> envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; . . .





# The Folly of Worldliness

## WHAT IS WORLDLINESS?

**Given to following passions**

1 Corinthians 6:9–11 (NKJV)

<sup>9</sup> . . . fornicators, nor idolaters,  
nor adulterers, nor  
homosexuals, nor sodomites,  
<sup>10</sup> nor thieves, nor covetous,  
nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor  
extortioners will inherit the  
kingdom of God.





# The Folly of Worldliness

## WHAT IS WORLDLINESS?

**Given to following passions**

James 3:14–16 (NKJV)

<sup>14</sup> But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. <sup>15</sup> This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. <sup>16</sup> For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.





# The Folly of Worldliness

## WHAT IS WORLDLINESS?

### The sphere of iniquity

Ephesians 2:1–3 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> . . . who were dead in trespasses and sins, <sup>2</sup> in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, <sup>3</sup> among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.





# The Folly of Worldliness

## WHAT IS WORLDLINESS?

**The sphere of iniquity**

2 John 9 (NKJV)

<sup>9</sup> Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son.





# The Folly of Worldliness

## WHAT IS WORLDLINESS?

**Of the World – Not Separate**

Romans 12:2 (NKJV)

<sup>2</sup> 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.





# The Folly of Worldliness

## WHAT IS WORLDLINESS?

**Of the World – Not Separate**

James 4:4 (NKJV)

<sup>4</sup> Adulterers and adulteresses!

Do you not know that  
friendship with the world is  
enmity with God? Whoever  
therefore wants to be a friend  
of the world makes himself an  
enemy of God.





# The Folly of Worldliness

## WHAT IS WORLDLINESS?

**Focussed on temporal / secular**

Colossians 3:1–2 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.





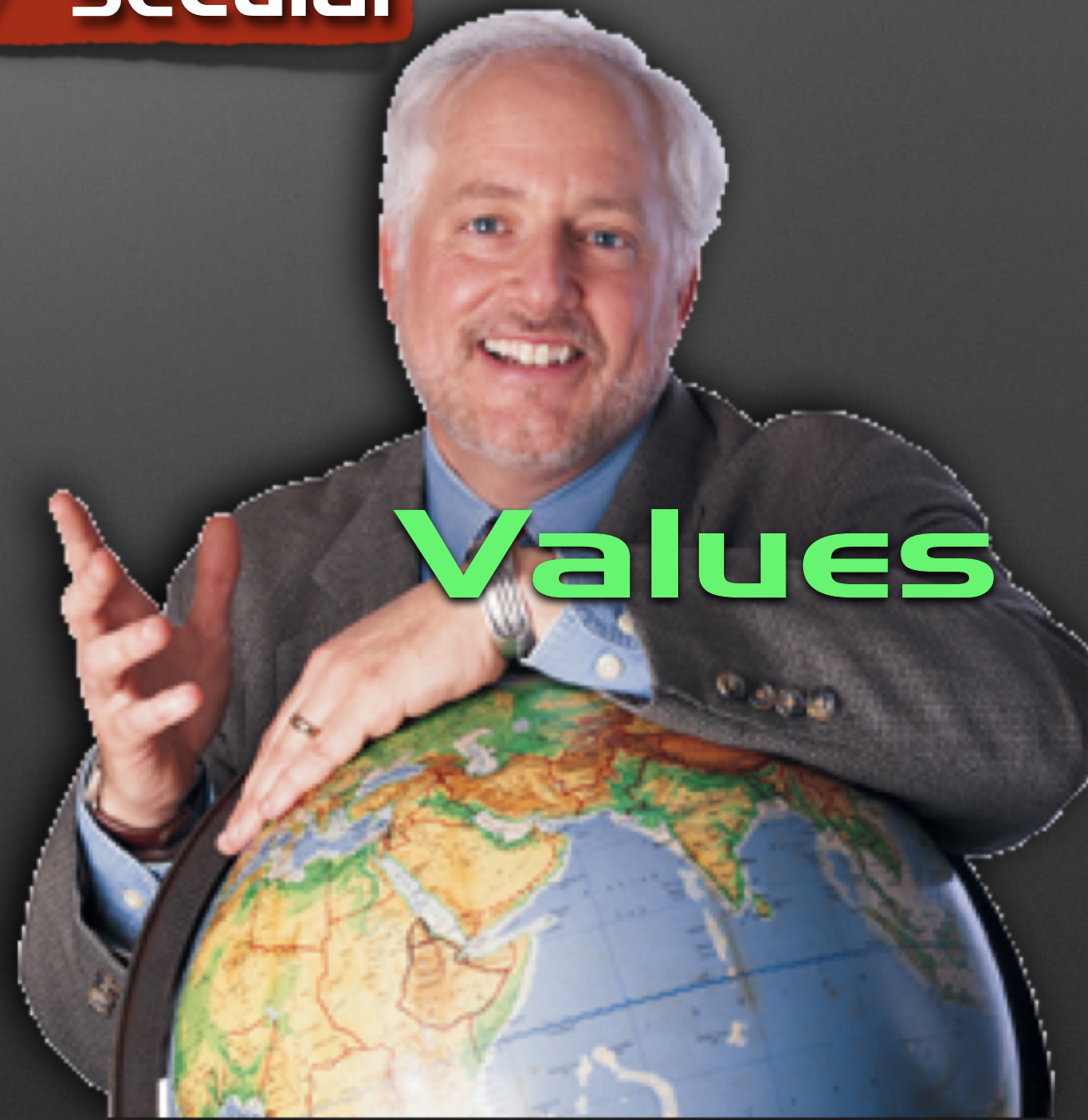
# The Folly of Worldliness

## WHAT IS WORLDLINESS?

**Focussed on temporal / secular**

Matthew 6:19–24 (NKJV)

<sup>19</sup> “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; <sup>20</sup> but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.





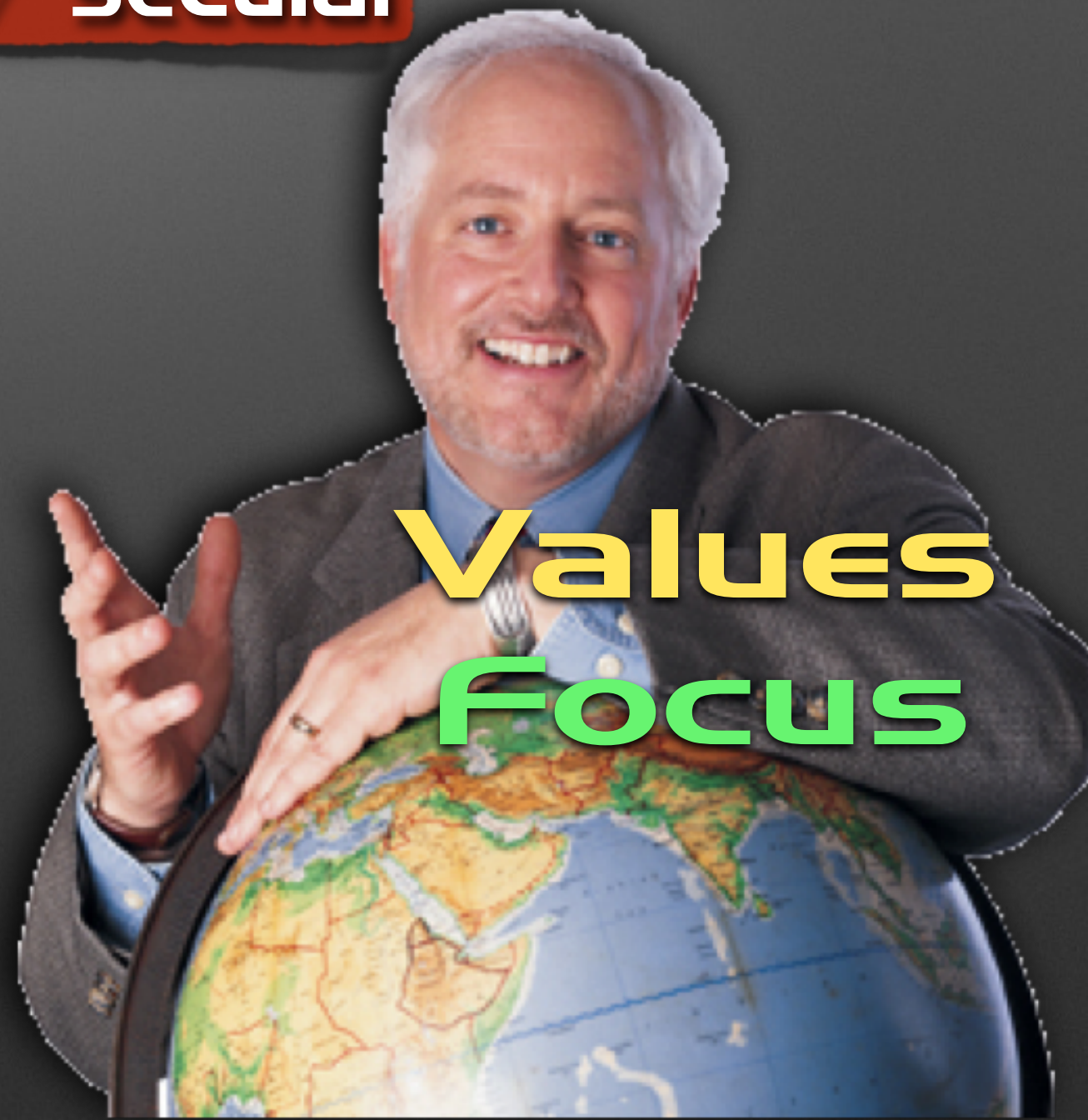
# The Folly of Worldliness

## WHAT IS WORLDLINESS?

**Focussed on temporal / secular**

Matthew 6:19–24 (NKJV)

<sup>22</sup> “The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. <sup>23</sup> 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!





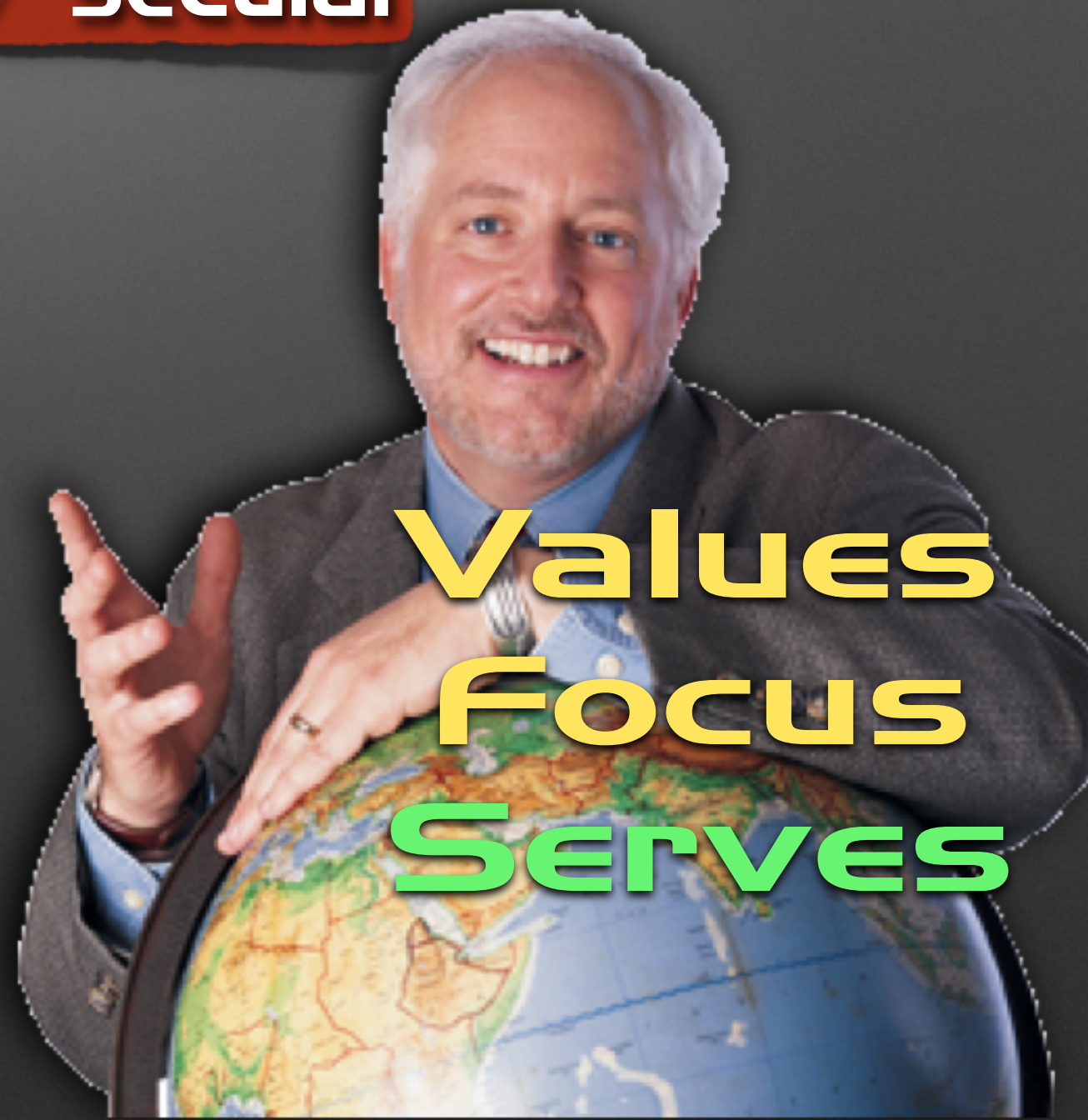
# The Folly of Worldliness

## WHAT IS WORLDLINESS?

**Focussed on temporal / secular**

Matthew 6:19–24 (NKJV)

<sup>24</sup> “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.





# The Folly of Worldliness

## WHAT IS WORLDLINESS?

Focussed on temporal / secular

A PERSON WHO  
DRINKS, USES DRUGS,  
CURSES, GOES  
CLUBBING, & WEARS  
IMMODEST CLOTHING,  
ETC. IS WORLDLY ...



A PERSON CAN  
BE WORLDLY BUT  
NOT DRINK &  
CURSE ... ETC.



# The Folly of Worldliness

## WHAT IS WORLDLINESS?

A Person Can Be Worldly & be  
a "GOOD PERSON" . . .

- Moral, benevolent, dependable, religious - BUT if Not In Christ - **WORLDLY** - **NOT Spiritual!** - Rom 8:1-12; Mat 7:21-23; 15:7-9
- If any man is **IN CHRIST** he is a new creature - 2 Cor 5:17-19; Eph 1:3; Gal 3:26,27





# The Folly of Worldliness

## THE WICKEDNESS OF WORLDLINESS

**Worldly Thinking Produces  
Worldly Living**

Colossians 2:8 (NKJV)

<sup>8</sup> Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.





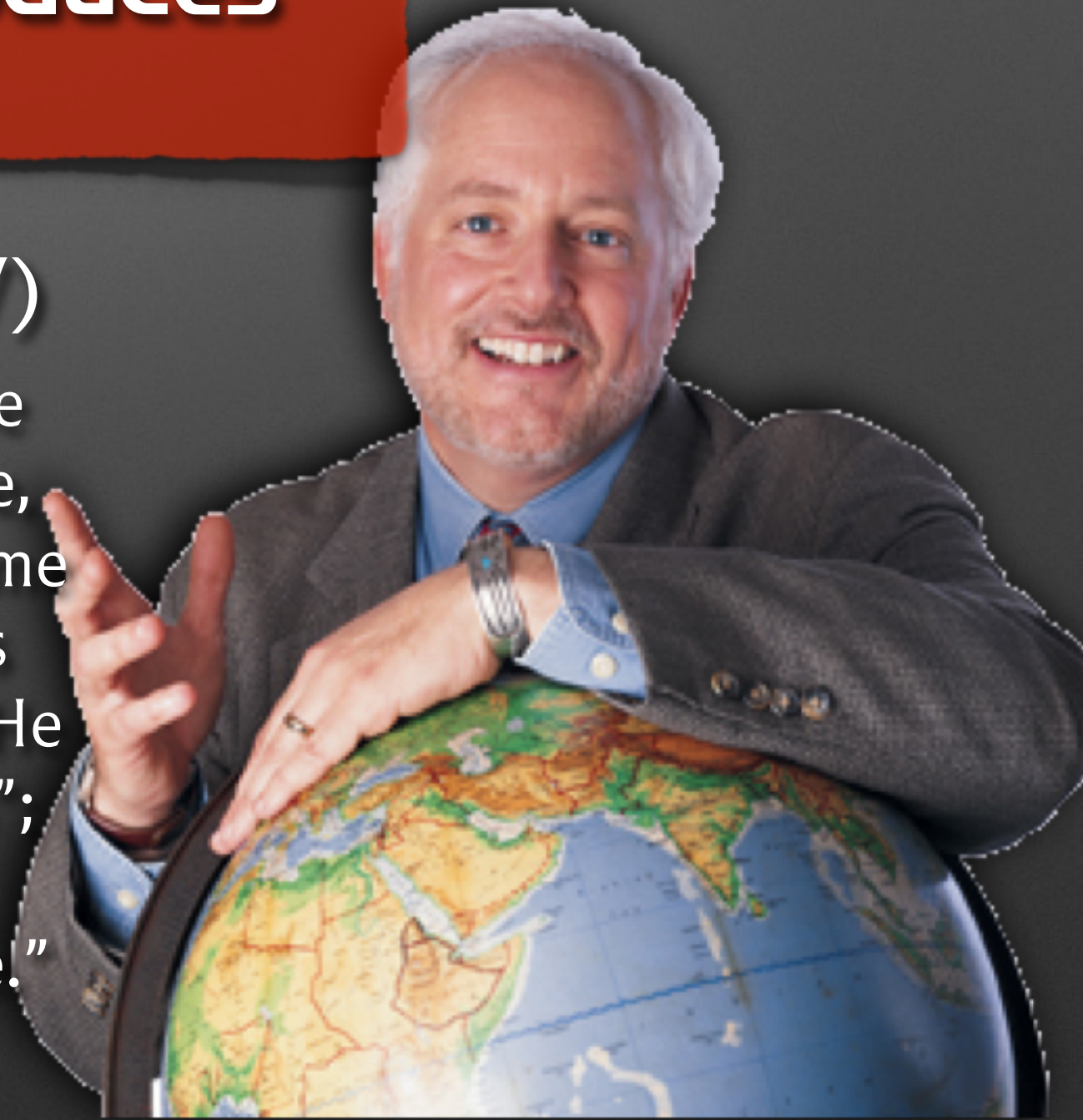
# The Folly of Worldliness

## THE WICKEDNESS OF WORLDLINESS

**Worldly Thinking Produces  
Worldly Living**

1 Corinthians 3:18–20 (NKJV)

<sup>18</sup> Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you seems to be wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. <sup>19</sup> For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, “He catches the wise in their own craftiness”; <sup>20</sup> and again, “The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile.”





# The Folly of Worldliness

## THE WICKEDNESS OF WORLDLINESS

### Worldly Thinking Produces Worldly Living

- Attitude towards the
  - ✓ World – James 4:4
  - ✓ Worldly – 2 Cor 6:14-7:1
  - ✓ Word of God – 2 Thes 2:10-12
  - ✓ Faithful Christian who uncompromisingly stands for the truth – Luke 6:22



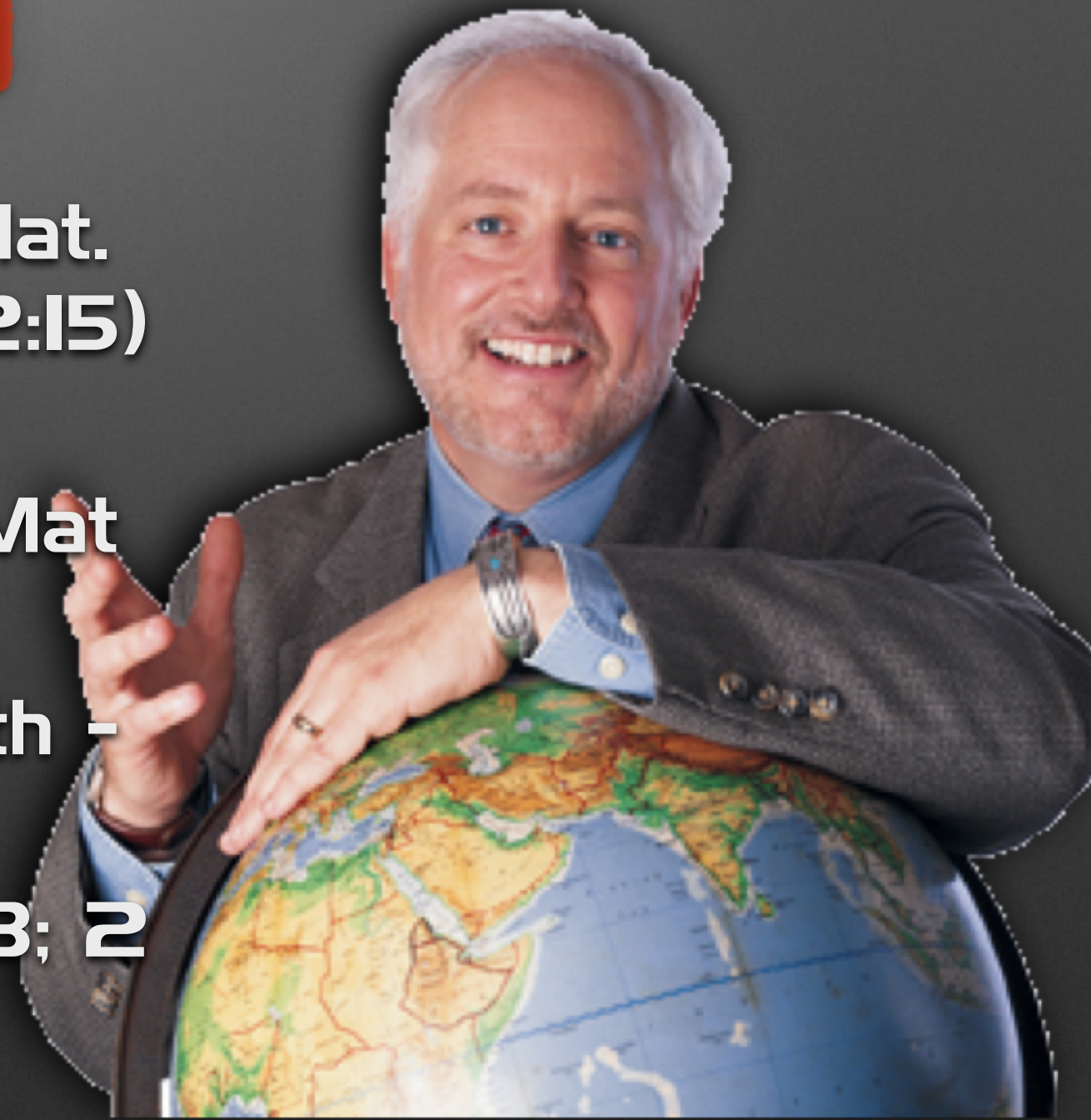


# The Folly of Worldliness

## THE WICKEDNESS OF WORLDLINESS

### Worldly Living:

- Destroys my influence - (Mat. 5:13,14; Rom. 2:24; Phil 2:15)
- Makes my worship vain - (Prov. 1:28,29; Mic. 3:4; Mat 15:7-9; Jn 9:31)
- Hinders my race and growth - (Heb. 12:1-ff)
- Disfellowship - (1 Cor. 5:1-13; 2 Thess. 3:6-15)





# The Folly of Worldliness

## THE WICKEDNESS OF WORLDLINESS

### Worldly Living:

- Desensitizes to sin - (Eccl. 5:1; Rom 8:5; I Cor. 2:14)
- Separates from God - (Isa. 59:1-2; Rom. 8:7,8; James 4:4)
- Heart becomes hardened - (Mat. 13:15; Heb. 3:8,13)
- Suffer in this life - (Prov. 13:15; Jer. 2:19; Rom. 6:21)
- Eternal damnation - (Rom. 6:23; Gal. 5:19-21; Rev. 21:8)



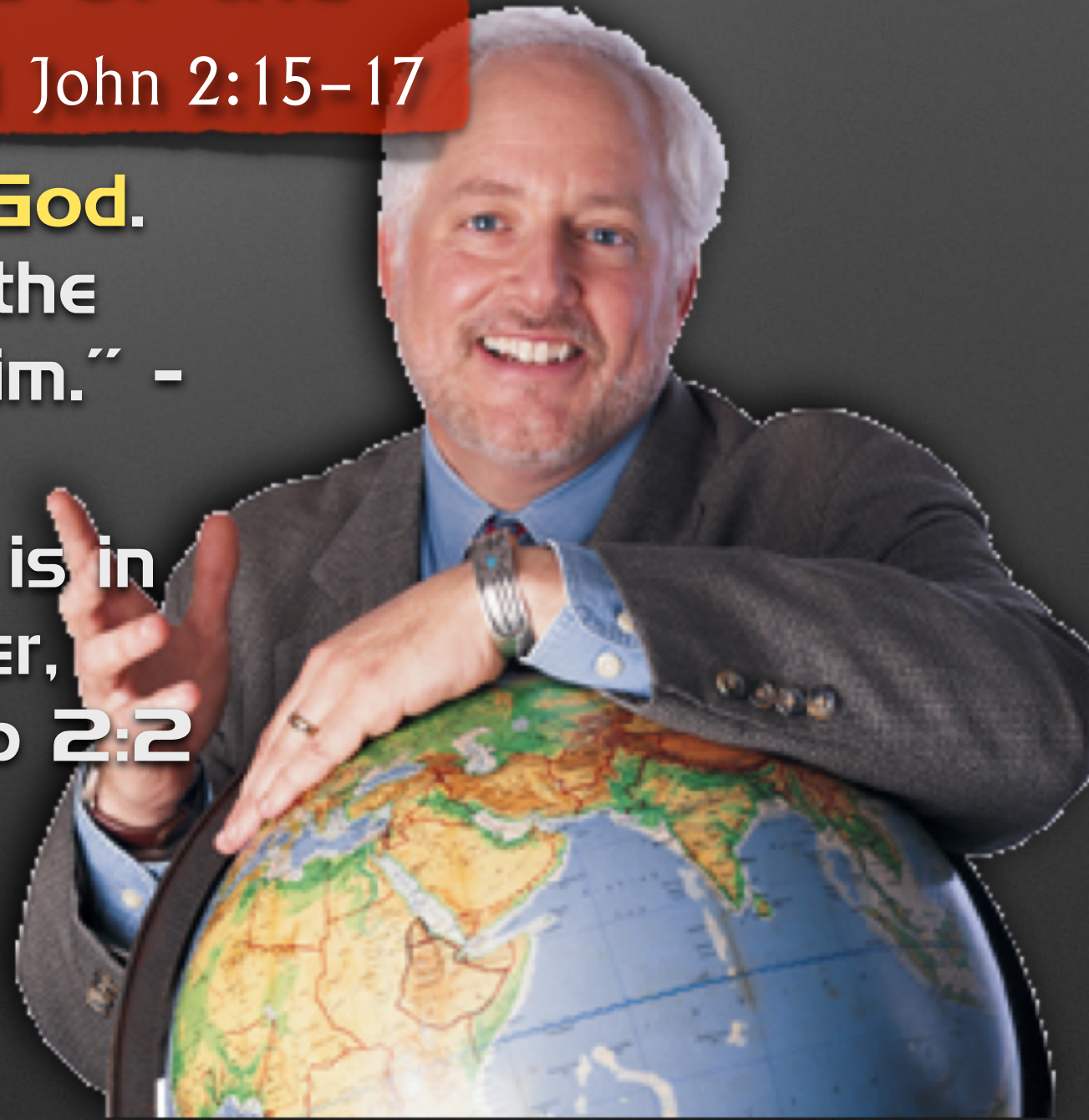


# The Folly of Worldliness

## THE WICKEDNESS OF WORLDLINESS

**“If we love the world or the things in the world” ... 1 John 2:15–17**

- **We alienate ourselves from God.** “If any man love the world, the love of the father is not in him.” - cf. James 4:4
- **We are wrong.** “For all that is in the world is not of the Father, but is of the world.” - cf - Ep 2:2
- **It is temporary.** “The world passeth away, and the lust thereof.” - cf Heb 11:25





# The Folly of Worldliness

## THE VICTORY OVER WORLDLINESS

**There is a better way ...**

1 John 2:15-17

- “. . . but he who does the will of God abides forever.”
  - cf Mat 7:21; Jn 7:17; Heb 10:36.
- ☑ Obey the gospel - Rom 6:3-6, 16-18; 2 Thes 1:7-9; Col 1:13; 2:12
- ☑ Grow in knowledge of Christ - 2 Pet 1:5-10; 3:16-18
- ☑ Put on Christ - Col 3:12-17





# The Folly of Worldliness

## THE VICTORY OVER WORLDLINESS

**There is a better way ...**

1 John 2:15-17

- ✓ Not to continue to sin - (Ps. 119:11; Rom. 6; 1 Jn 3:1-10)
- ✓ Separate from world - (2 Cor. 6:14-17)
- ✓ Abstain from every form of evil - (1 Thes. 5:21,22)
- ✓ Holy / Pure / Godly - (1 Pet. 1:15-16; 4:1-3; 1 John 3:3; 1 Tim. 2:9; 4:8)





# The Folly of Worldliness

## THE VICTORY OVER WORLDLINESS

**There is a better way ...**

1 John 2:15–17

1 John 5:2–5 (NKJV)

<sup>2</sup> By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. <sup>3</sup> For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.





# The Folly of Worldliness

## THE VICTORY OVER WORLDLINESS

**There is a better way ...**

1 John 2:15–17

1 John 5:2–5 (NKJV)

<sup>4</sup> For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. <sup>5</sup> Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?





# The Folly of Worldliness

## THE VICTORY OVER WORLDLINESS

**There is a better way ...**

1 John 2:15–17

James 1:27 (NKJV)

<sup>27</sup> Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.





# The Folly of Worldliness

## THE VICTORY OVER WORLDLINESS

**There is a better way ...**

1 John 2:15–17

Colossians 3:1–2 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.





# The Folly of Worldliness

## THE VICTORY OVER WORLDLINESS

**There is a better way ...**

1 John 2:15-17

There is NOT ONE  
THING that this world  
has to offer that is  
worth losing your soul  
over!! (Mat 16:26)









# The Folly of WORLDLINESS

1 John 2:15-17



## **Charts by Don McClain**

Prepared September 23-25, , 2014 - Preached September 28, 2014  
West 65<sup>th</sup> Street church of Christ/ P.O. Box 190062 / Little Rock AR 72219  
501-568-1062

Prepared using Keynote

Email – [donmcclain@sbcglobal.net](mailto:donmcclain@sbcglobal.net)

More PPT & Audio Sermons:

<http://w65stchurchofchrist.org/coc/sermons/>

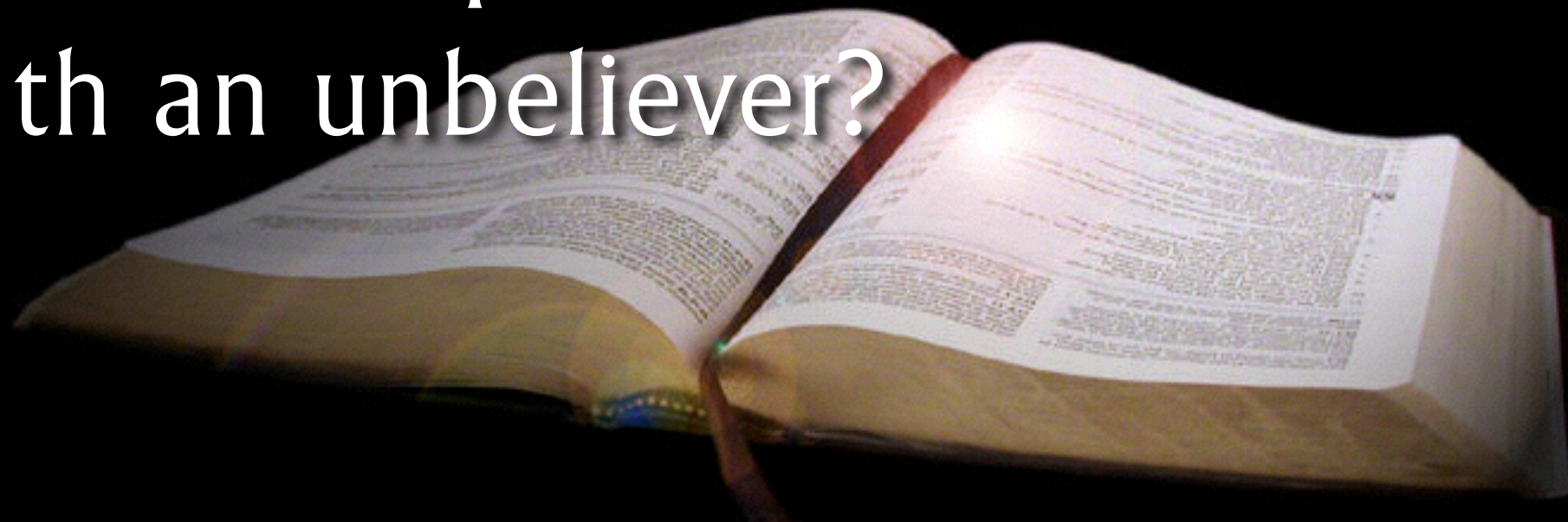
Note – Many of the transition effects used in this presentation may be lost using PPT 2007 Viewer

[http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?  
FamilyID=cb9bf144-1076-4615-9951-294eeb832823&displaylang=en](http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyID=cb9bf144-1076-4615-9951-294eeb832823&displaylang=en)



## 2 CORINTHIANS 6:14-7:1 (NKJV)

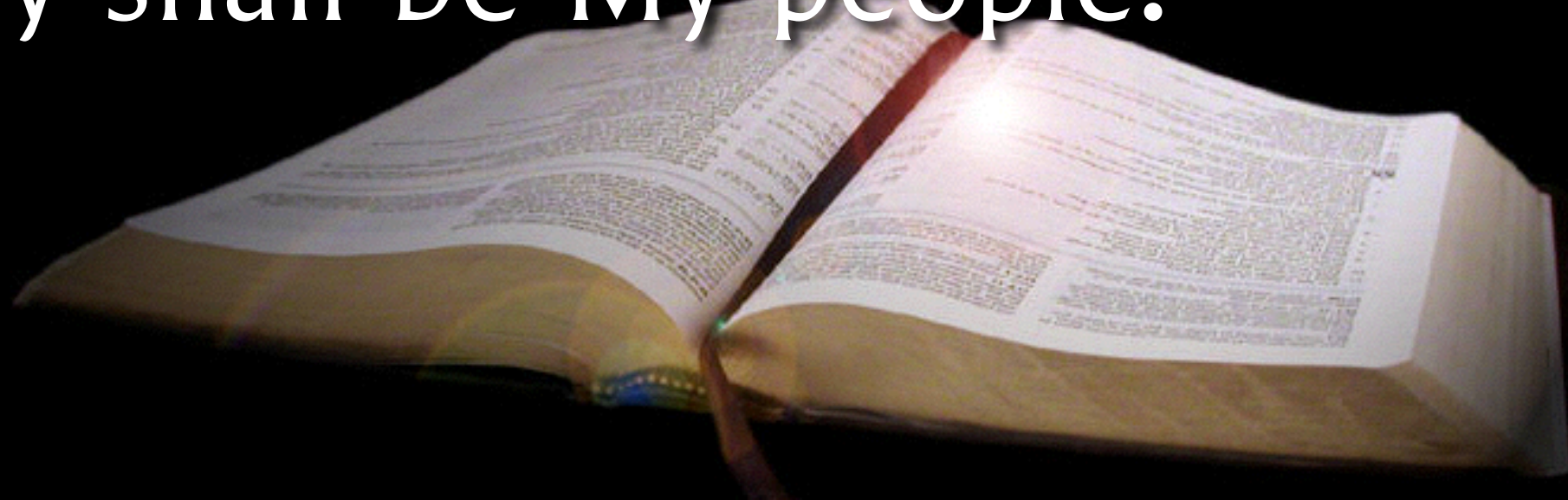
<sup>14</sup> Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? <sup>15</sup> And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever?





## 2 CORINTHIANS 6:14-7:1 (NKJV)

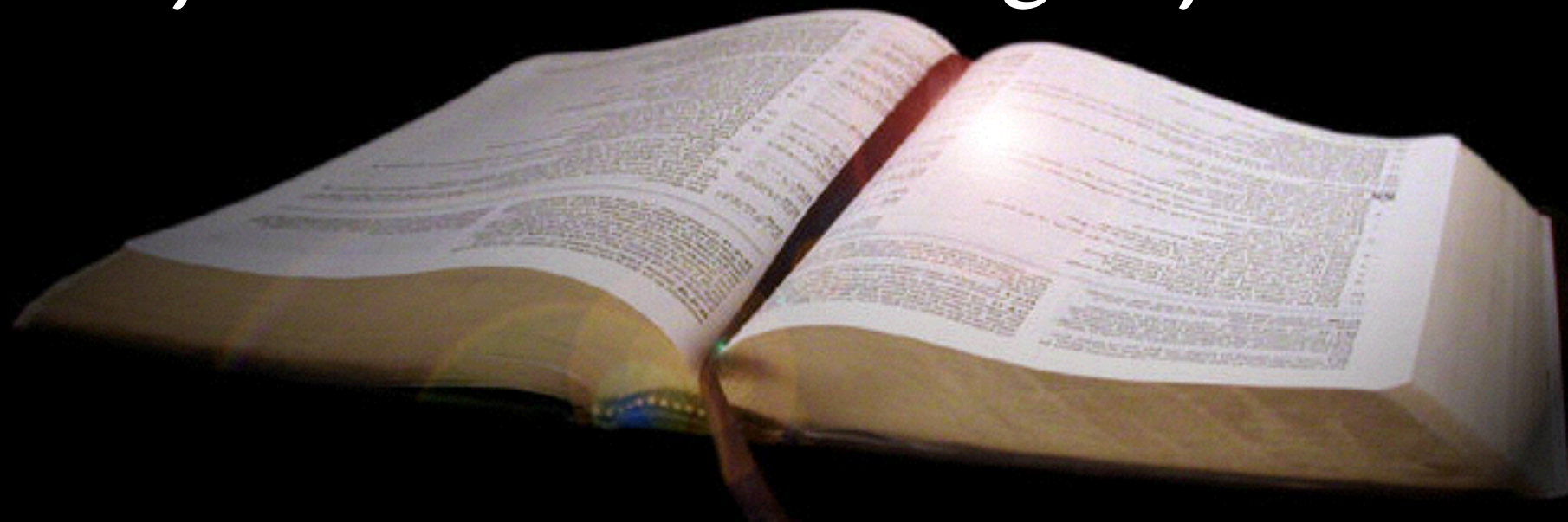
<sup>16</sup> And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people."





# 2 CORINTHIANS 6:14-7:1 (NKJV)

<sup>17</sup> Therefore “Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you.” <sup>18</sup> “I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the Lord Almighty.”





## 2 CORINTHIANS 6:14-7:1 (NKJV)

7:1 <sup>1</sup> Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

