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Two Kinds of Love

There are two distinct words for *love* used in 1 Jn 2:15 — *do not love* (25 Greek), and *love for the Father* (26 Greek).

Do not love the world or the things of it (1 Jn 2:15). The first kind of love is *agapao* (25 Strong's), to love in a social or moral sense, which is much the same as *phileo* (5368), to have affection for, attachment, a feeling or sentiment for.

The latter kind of love in 1 Jn 2:15 speaks of the love of God, which is the same as in Rom 5:5. This *agape* (26 Strong's) is the love God pours out into our hearts at baptism to love Him and our brothers by, and to be obedient to His word and commandments (Jn 14:15,21). If anyone loves the world with *agapao* (25) or *phileo* (5368) love, a kindly affection for the things of the world, the love of the Father is not in Him. This is clear (1 Jn 3:9,10,16,17). Whenever it speaks of the love of God, it's always *agape* (1 Jn 4:7-8).

If we love one another with *agape* (26), God dwells in us. There is no need for us loving the world with His kind of love. The love we love the world with is our own human love which we love our mothers by also, and if we take our own love (25) and love the world with it, this means that God's love (26) is not in us. In 1 John the two kinds of love bounce back and forth. It's hard to keep up with it, like Jn 21:15-17.

Friendship — James 4:4 (5373 Strong's) — 5368, *phileo* — 5384, fond, associate. So 1 Jn 2:15 is related to this kind of love, a friendship with the spirit of the world, it's music whether low class or high class — things of the world. Things — part of the world's system that caters to the base desires of a person, other than one's needs. Human needs, even social and physical needs are to be satisfied by the Body of Messiah (Mt 6:33).

Even we in the Body should not go shopping in the world, picking and choosing what appeals to our base desires, as the world goes shopping — "What would look good on me for my base desires to be met?" Those who go shopping for others are meeting *basic* needs, not *base* needs.

