

*“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.  
To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.”  
2 Peter 3:18*

# Sermon Notes

**Title:** “Love and Life” by Rev. John Downs

**Text:** 1 John 2:15-17

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

#### †CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 145:10-21

#### †PRAYER OF INVOCATION

#### †WORSHIPING GOD IN SONG

Come Ye Sinners

Psalm 115

### CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

O Lord, we marvel that thou should become incarnate, be crucified, dead, and buried. The sepulcher calls forth our adoring wonder, for it is empty and thou art risen; the four-fold gospel attests it, the living witnesses prove it, our heart's experience knows it. Give us to die with thee that we may rise to new life, for we wish to be as dead and buried to sin, to selfishness, to the world; that we might not hear the voice of the tempter, and might be delivered from his lusts. O Lord, there is much ill about us and sin within us - crucify it, much flesh within us - mortify it. Purge us from selfishness, the fear of man, the love of praise, the shame of being thought old-fashioned, the desire to be cultivated or modern. Grant us to stand with our dying Savior, to be content to be rejected, to be willing to take up unpopular truths, and to hold fast despised teachings until death. Grant us more and more of the resurrection life: may it rule us, may we walk in its power, and be strengthened through its influence. For the glory of our living Savior. Amen.

### SILENT CONFESSION

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 145:18-20 “The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them. The Lord preserves all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.”

#### †WORSHIPING GOD IN SONG

Jesus Lives, And So Shall I

#### †CONFESSION OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism #4 and #6, Elder Brian Riedel

### WORSHIPING GOD IN OUR GIVING

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

### PASTORAL PRAYER

Elder Ed Baker

### WORSHIPING GOD IN THE PROCLAMATION OF HIS WORD

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### WORSHIPING GOD AROUND THE LORD’S TABLE IN THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

#### †SONG OF RESPONSE

Jesus I My Cross Have Taken

#### †BENEDICTION

#### †DOXOLOGY

† Congregation standing, as you are able

**That which captures our hearts directs our destiny.**

I. Do not love the world v. 15

II. Elements of worldly love v. 16

III. Consummation of love v. 17

*Application – “But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves” (James 1:22).*

Our responsibility, by God’s grace and power, is to consistently apply the truths of God’s Word that we have heard to our lives (Phil. 2:1-13; 1 Tim. 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on the sermon and this passage of Scripture, ask yourself these questions:

- Is there a command to obey?
- Is there an example to follow?
- Is there a promise to claim?
- Is there a sin to avoid?
- Is there a principle to follow?