

Series How Can You Be Sure? Passage 1 John 2:12-17

**Title** Morbid Love Affairs

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**Discussion Starter** – How does the "sway of the evil one" affect your life? How much sway does he have in the culture? In your family? With you? How can an understanding of how Satan is working help you avoid trouble?

## **Morbid Love Affair**

- What is a morbid love affair according to the message this past Sunday?
- What are the six character traits that demonstrate a relationship with God? See 1 John 1:6, 1:8, 1:10, 2:4, 2:6, and 2:9 as they apply to this message (especially 1 John 1:6).

## (1 John 2:15-17)

- What does the word "world" refer to in verse 15? What is worldliness? Why is worldliness dangerous?
- Who holds sway over the world? (See 1 John 5:19.) How is this a warning to us?
- Since Satan is not omnipresent or omniscient, how does he influence the world? How do we defend ourselves?
- How is it possible to love God and the world at the same time?
- How does Romans 6:16 apply to the question above?
- What three human weaknesses does Satan exploit? (See Genesis 3:6 also.) Name a few traps Satan has set for our kids. For adults. Who is most at risk?
- How did Eve's temptation lead to a morbid love affair? (See Verse 17.)

## Our Assurance (1 John 2:12-14)

- John wrote these verses to "children", "fathers", and "young men". What group of believers does each represent?
- What are the characteristics of each group as described by John?
- These verses outline some benefits of a relationship with Jesus. What are they?