

IN THE WORLD BUT NOT OF THE WORLD

I. Everything on Earth is affected by the spirit realm

A. 1 Cor. 2:12 – Spirit of the world vs. Spirit of God

B. The spirit realm existed before the physical realm; it created it

II. The flow of this world is not toward God

A. 1 John 2:15-17

1. Acts 17:24 – World can mean all creation; nature; Earth

2. John 3:16 – All people who live on Earth

3. Mk. 16:15; Matt. 4:8 – All civilizations, cultures; societies

4. 2 Cor. 4:4 – The wicked system that rejects Christ headed up by satan; it operates based on human desires, ideas, and thoughts and all that is hostile, rebellious, & opposed to God or in the place of God

B. Eph. 2:1-3 – The spirit behind this world once cultured/conformed us

III. God's remedy

A. John 17:15; 1 John 5:4, 5; Rom. 12:2 – Kept from the evil

B. Acts 2:40-42; Eph. 2:5,6,21, 22; Heb. 10:25 – Spirit of God/together