

Revelation Series

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νικάω *nikao*

articular pres act ptcp

“victors, winners, conquerors, overcomers.”

Cognate to the noun, νίκη, *nike*, “victory, success.”

*Nikao* “to overpower, to gain victory, to win.”

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Perfect: completed action

Jesus completed His victory over the world before He went to the Cross.

**DEVIL**

**World  
System**



# **The Characteristics of *Worldliness***

The Biblical concept of “worldliness” describes the collection of ideas, philosophies, religions, standards, values which characterize a culture or subculture as well as its goals and methods to achieve those ends. Its purpose is to suppress truth in unrighteousness and redefine reality to avoid the righteousness of God. As such, this worldview incorporates and is expressed in every aspect of a culture’s views of the individual and social relationships, theories of knowledge and learning, expressions of reality in visual and performing arts, science, technology, literature, and law. When the Christian operates within this thought structure, even though it may overlap in many ways with a Biblical worldview, it is still classified as worldliness.

# The Characteristics of *Worldliness*

**Worldliness is the thought of the creature Lucifer in rebellion against God.**

Arrogance ⇨ Promotion of self, the creature/creation becomes the ultimate reference point.

Antagonism ⇨ Hostility toward God, His plan, thinking, and revelation.

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1 John 3:9, “Whoever **has been born** of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God.”

1 John 4:7, “Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves **is born of God** and knows God.”

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ποιέω *poiéō*;

Pres act ptcp, article, relative ptcp.

“to produce, to do, to make or manufacture something, to create, to do, cause, bring about, accomplish, perform.”

Can imply practice, but the stronger word for practice is *prasso* “to perform an activity or skill regularly or habitually.”

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No one can do genuine righteousness without having been born again.

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**Galatians 5:16, “I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.”**

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**Is knowing God and loving God  
synonymous with salvation, i.e., trusting  
Christ?**

**Or**

**Is it the result of spiritual growth after  
salvation?**

**1 John 2:15, “Do not love the world, nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.**

**1 John 2:16, “For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.”**

**1 John 2:17, “And the world is passing away,  
and also its lusts; but the one who does the  
will of God abides forever.”**

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γινώσκω *ginōskō*;

Perfect active indicative

“to know, to learn, to acquire knowledge”

John 14:7, “If you **had [come to] known** Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him.”

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John 14:9, “Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you so long, and yet you **have not [come to] known** Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, “Show us the Father”?’ ”

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**1 John 2:4, “The one who says, ‘I have come to know Him,’ and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him;”**

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τελειόω *teleiōō*;

Perf act indicative

“to complete, mature, bring to its intended conclusion”

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