## LOVE GONE WRONG / FORBIDDEN LOVE

(1 John 2:12-17)

## INTRODUCTION - a review of "Love Right."

(Matt. 22:37) "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, soul, mind, (and strength). For this is the first and great commandment."

A thought provoking question: (Matt. 16:26) "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? ..."

Words to Hymn #619, A New Creature, illustrates the resolve we should have in life.

1. (John 3:19-20) "... the condemnation ... men loved darkness rather than light ... "

"light is come into the world" - (John 8:12) "I am the light of the world: he that follows me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

(Psalm 119:105; Ephesians 5:11)

"men loved darkness" - because light dispels darkness; is revealing.

2. (John 12:42-43) "... for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God"

"because of the Pharisees," they did not demonstrate belief, did not confess Jesus, and did not receive the praise of God.

(Matthew 12:30; 2 Cor. 6:16-17; Exodus 23:2)

3. (1 Tim. 6:9-11) "... For the love of money is the root of all evil: while some covet after ... "

Nothing wrong with seeking treasure, nor having treasure; however, it comes with a warning: "temptation and a snare" "foolish and hurtful lusts" "many sorrows"

(v11-12) "O man of God, flee these things, and follow after ... "

(v17) "Charge them that are rich ... not to trust in uncertain riches."

(Luke 12:15) "Beware of covetousness: for a man's life consists not in the abundance of things he possesses."

4. (2 Tim. 3:1-2) "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves ..."

(Romans 12:3; Matthew 20:26-27)

5. (2 Tim. 3:4) "... lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God"

Again, the priority of the soul is missing in living; we must love God "more than ..." (1 Tim. 5:6) "But she that (lives in) gives herself to pleasure is dead while she lives." Physically alive, but spiritually dead.

(Luke 8:14) " ... are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life ... "

6. (1 John 2:15-16) "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world ...

the world passes away, and the lusts thereof:

but he that does the will of God abides for ever." (2 Tim. 4:10; Matt. 6:24; James 4:4)