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Genesis 3:5–6; Isaiah 5:20–21; John 3:16; John 15; John 16:33; Romans 1:20; Galatians 5; Ephesians 3:20–21; 1 John 2:15–17

John 15:18–21 (NASB 2020)

18 “If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before *it hated you*. **19** If you were of the world, the world would love *you as its own*; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, because of this the world hates you. **20** Remember the word that I said to you, ‘A slave is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted Me, they will persecute you as well; if they followed My word, they will follow yours also. **21** But all these things they will do to you on account of My name, because they do not know the One who sent Me.

Romans 1:20 (NASB 2020)

20 For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes, that is*, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, being understood by what has been made, so that they are without excuse.

John 3:16 (NASB 2020)

16 “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life.

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The world is what happens when sin spreads through a society and the rejection of peace is normalized.

Isaiah 5:20–21 (NASB 2020)

20 Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil;
Who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness;
Who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!

21 Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes
And clever in their own sight!

1 No matter how the world (our culture) says, there is evil.

2 This world (our culture) has redefined what evil is.

3 This world has replaced God's wisdom for the wisdom of the world.

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Sin isn't bad because it is forbidden, it is forbidden because it is bad.

1 John 2:15-17 (NASB 2020)

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. 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. 17 The world is passing away and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God continues to live forever.

Genesis 3:5-6 (NASB 2020)

5 For God knows that on the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will become like God, knowing good and evil." 6 When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took some of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband with her, and he ate.

Isaiah 5:20 (NET)

5:20 Those who call evil good and good evil are as good as dead ...

The lie that we have no control over our desires, our life choices, or our community is a trap of the devil to make you choose the ways of the world.

Right here in church is where the power of the Holy Ghost is present to overcome the world.

John 16:33 (NASB 2020)

33 These things I have spoken to you so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world."