

The Course Of This World #2

Introduction. The “course of this world” in Ephesians 2:2 means “in conformity with the customs and manners of the world at large.” “Course” denotes the present world with its cares, temptations, and desires. It means that they had lived formerly as other men lived; and the course of this world is sin. They walked this way because they were “dead in trespasses and sins.” “Dead” describes their hopeless condition as separated from God (vv. 11-12; cp. Deuteronomy 1:42; 31:17). When we looked at the “course of this world” last week, we studied a course of darkness (Ephesians 4:18), human wisdom (Judges 17:6), disobedience (Daniel 9:10, 14), and conformity (2 Kings 17:15). We will now continue with four more descriptions of this sinful world.

I. A Course Of Pleasure

- A. Exodus 32:4-6, 19.
- B. Romans 13:14.
- C. 2 Timothy 3:1-4.
- D. Hebrews 11:25.

II. A Course Of Neglect

- A. Jonah 1:1-3.
- B. Luke 12:15-21.
- C. Hebrews 2:1-3.
- D. James 4:17.

III. A Course Of Destruction

- A. 2 Kings 21:10-16
- B. Romans 7:11.
- C. Mark 9:41-48.
- D. 1 John 2:15-17.

IV. A Course Of Choice

- A. Exodus 32:26.
- B. Deuteronomy 30:19.
- C. Joshua 24:15.
- D. Isaiah 55:6-7.

Conclusion. Don't run the course of this world in pleasure, neglect, and destruction. You have a choice. Being “dead” in sins does not imply that an unbeliever can do no good or that they cannot respond to the message of salvation through God's grace. You can be better. You're a child of God, an inheritor of eternal life. Leave the “course of this world” for the joys of eternal life. Let the God who is rich in grace and mercy save you through your faith (Ephesians 2:8).