

FRIENDSHIP  
WITH THE  
WORLD

James 4:4-5

# FUNDAMENTAL KNOWLEDGE OF GOD

## God is Holy

- ❖ God is holy, and we are called to holiness – *1 Peter 1:15-16*
- ❖ “*Do you not know?*” – Their knowledge of God should have indicated to them what their relationship with the world meant.
- ❖ The sinful world – *1 John 2:15-17; Romans 12:2*
- ❖ If God is entirely separate from the world, then our friendship with it makes us opposed to Him.

**God is Intolerant of Sin** – *1 John 1:5-6; 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1*

# FUNDAMENTAL KNOWLEDGE OF OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

## God with Israel

- ❖ NOTE: spiritual adultery (*James 4:4*); *Matthew 12:39* (Jesus to the Pharisees)
- ❖ God was the husband of His people, Israel – *Jeremiah 31:32*
- ❖ They were unfaithful to Him – *Jeremiah 3:6-10, 14*
- ❖ They were put away for their infidelity, but another marriage was foretold with the Redeemer – *Isaiah 50:1; 54:5-6*

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## Christ with His Church

- ❖ Christ is the husband of the bride – *John 3:29*
- ❖ A description of the marriage – *Ephesians 5:23-27, 30-32*
  - ❖ (vv. 23-24) – subject to Christ; (vv. 25-27) – separate, clean, and holy; (vv. 30-32) – one flesh, not to be joined to another (*cf. 1 Corinthians 6:15-17*)
- ❖ *James 4:4-5* – God is a jealous God and wants us all to Himself. To make friends with the world is to commit adultery!


# OUR RELATIONSHIP TO THE WORLD

## IN the World but Not OF the World

- ❖ Conveyed and delivered to another in our conversion – *Colossians 1:13; Romans 6:17*
- ❖ *John 17:14-19* – we are separated from the world by our submission to the truth. (cf. *John 8:31-32* – abiding in the word)

## Enemies of the World

- ❖ There is animosity between the world and those who are faithful to God – *John 17:14; 15:18-19*
- ❖ We are at war – *Ephesians 6:12; 5:8-13*



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