

# THINGS TO BE ERADICATED

Scripture Reading: 1 John 2:15-17

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## Introduction:

1. E.g. Yard Sale
2. If one is to walk with God, certain things must be eradicated

## I. BEFORE COMING TO CHRIST

### A. IGNORANCE OF GOD'S WORD

1. The disease of ignorance
  - a. The people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge -Hos 4:6
  - b. Uzzah died for disobedience to God -1Ch 13:7-14
2. The cure is the word of God -Ro 10:14-17
  - a. People cannot believe in what they do not know
  - b. Faith only comes through hearing God's word

### B. PRIDE

1. Naaman -2Ki 5:10-14
  - a. He was the commander of the Syrian Army
  - b. He was an important man with an incurable disease
  - c. Elisha was "the man of God"
  - d. Naaman expected a great ceremony for the healing -vs 11
2. Compare baptism
  - a. Sin is an incurable disease of the soul
  - b. Baptism puts us in contact with the blood of Jesus!

### C. ANYTHING AGAINST THE WORD OF GOD -Mt 7:21-23

1. Not everyone who calls Jesus "Lord" will be saved
2. Salvation belongs to those who are obedient to the will of God

## II. DURING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

### A. LOVE OF THE WORLD -1Jn 2:15-17

1. God has given man many great things in life to enjoy
2. Not all things in the world are from the Father
  - a. The lust of the flesh, eye, and the pride of life -vs 16
  - b. These are of the world which is passing away

### B. THE CARES OF THE WORLD -Lk 8:14

1. The thorns choke out the word of God
2. The thorns are the cares of the world, riches, and pleasures

## Conclusion:

1. Lay aside all weight of sin -Hebrews 12:1, 2
2. When we lay these things aside, we can truly run with endurance!