

John xvii., "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world." And which God tells us in Galatians i. 4, Christ gave Himself for our sins *to deliver us from.*

In the 4th of Luke we find that when Satan tempted the Perfect Man, one of the temptations was to offer all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them to the Son of God if He would only worship him. (See verses 6 and 7.)

In 1 John v. 19, we are told that "the whole world lieth in wickedness," literally "*in the wicked one.*" Our Lord owns Satan as "*the prince of this world*" in John xiv. 30, as also in chapter xii. 31. And the Holy Ghost in 2nd Cor. iv. 4 tells us that "the god of this world" "blinds the minds of them that believe not" the gospel, referring to Satan also. And again in Ephesians ii. 1, 2, 3, those "dead in trespasses and sins," "*walk according to the course of this world,*" which course is "according to the prince of the power of the air, (Satan) the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience," (unbelievers.) "Among whom we all had our conversation in times past, *fulfilling the desires of the flesh, and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath even as others.*"

The world then is composed of those who—still in their natural state—are spiritually "dead towards God, in their trespasses and sins"—who are fulfilling from morning till night, and day to day, the natural desires of the flesh and of the mind, without reference to God or God's will at all—and