

1 John

Week 3: The world and the Spirit

1. According to one commentator,

...the errors of John's day were really an accommodation of Christian faith to the prevailing ideas of the secular culture. In every generation the church is challenged by the world, either to confront or to absorb its culture, to 'be squeezed into its mould', or to 'let God re-mould your minds from within'. Today we are in danger of reflecting the existentialist philosophy of our society and not challenging it. That is why we Christians so often base our judgment and conduct on our personal feelings and experiences rather than on God's revealed truth.

[David Jackman, *The Message of John's Letters* (IVP, Downer's Grove) 1988]. Where do you see our culture making inroads in RCRC? Do these accommodations bear any relationship to our theology (in the strict sense) or christology, or do they impact our doctrine elsewhere? Would you recommend the solution John used?