The word *world* can have at least three meanings in the New Testament. It can refer to planet Earth and all it contains. It can refer to the people in the world. It can refer to the world system - the underlying principles and assumptions that stand in opposition to God and His purposes and programmes.

When we are told not to love the world (1 John 2:15), it obviously does not mean that we are not to love God's Creation or the human beings made in His image. Rather, we are not to love the system of values and priorities that manifest in unGodly actions and behaviours. Pride, greed, selfish ambition, immorality, spiritual idolatry, anger, violence, and the like are all characteristics of the world that we are not to love. God redeemed us out of that world system, and we are no longer to have affection for it. (1 Corinthians 6:9-11; Colossians 1:13-14)

Thank God each day that He has introduced you to a Kingdom that you can love, and desire to be part of!

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."