

“The World Hateth You”
John 15:18-21

Introduction:

1. Let's Turn Back In Our Bibles This Morning:
 - To John 15 - Where:
 - The Lord Jesus Continues To Share:
 - His Final Thoughts & Words:
 - With His Disciples:
 - On The Night Before His Death On The Cross!
2. And - In This Chapter Especially:
 - Jesus Has Been Talking About:
 - The Relationship That His Disciples:
 - Should Continue To Have:
 - With Him & With Each Other!
 - In Their Relationship:
 - With Him:
 - They Need To Abide In Him:
 - Even As A Branch Abides In A Vine!
 - And - This Is The Kind Of Relationship:
 - That *We* Need With Christ!
 - 15:4 - “Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me!”
 - And - In Their Relationship:
 - With Each Other:
 - They Need To Love One Another:
 - Even As Christ Loved Them!
 - And - This Is The Kind Of Relationship:
 - That *We* Need With Christians!
 - 15:12 - “This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you!”
3. Well - After Talking About:
 - Those Relationships - When We Come To:
 - Our Text This Morning - Jesus Wanted To Share With:
 - His Disciples - Both Then & Now:
 - The Reality Of Another Relationship!
 - And That Is - Our Relationship:
 - With The World!
 - And - He Sums That Relationship Up:
 - At The End Of 15:19 - Where He Said:
 - “The World Hateth You!”
 - Now The “World” That He’s Talking About:
 - Is In Contrast To:
 - The “One Another” Of Those:
 - Who Have Faith In & Fellowship With Him!
 - So - The World Is:
 - All The Creation:
 - That Is Contrary To:
 - The Creator!
 - And - This Includes:
 - Everyone & Everything:
 - That Lives In Active Rebellion:
 - Against God! (Carson)
 - That Is - They Have No Desire:
 - To Listen To Or Live According To:
 - His Word & Commandments!
 - So - We Need To Realize That:
 - Those Who Are The True Friends Of God:
 - Will Not Be Friends:

- Of The World!
- Because - The "Hate" That Jesus Is Talking About:
 - Is In Contrast To:
 - The "Love" That Ought To Characterize:
 - Those Who Follow Christ!
 - And So - Jesus Wants Us:
 - To Not Be Surprised Or Shocked:
 - By This Reality:
 - "The World Hateth You!"
 - Instead Of Being Friends:
 - To This World - This World:
 - Is One Of Our Greatest Foes!
 - And - In 15:18-21:
 - Jesus Gives Us Four Reasons Why:
 - This Is & Will Be True!
- Lets Read These Verses Together:
 - 15:18-21 - "If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before [it hated] you. / If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. / Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. / But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me!"

4. Now - As We Look At:

- The Reasons Why We Can Expect:
 - This Relationship With This World:
 - We Need To Remember Our Relationships:
 - With Christ & Other Christians:
 - All The More!
- Because - "The World Hateth You!"
 - You Need To Cling To Christ:
 - More & More:
 - By Abiding In Him!
 - And - You Need To Cling
 - To Other Christians:
 - By Loving Each Other:
 - As Christ Loves You!
- Because - "The World Hateth You!"
 - And The First Reason Jesus Gives Is:

1. ***Because Of Your New Connection To Christ!***

- Your New Connection:
 - To The Lord Jesus Christ:
 - Which He Describes In 15:18:
 - "If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before [it hated] you!"
 - Now - Even Though This Is Put As:
 - Just A Possibility In This Verse:
 - We Know That It's More:
 - Than Just A Possibility:
 - Because Of What He Says Later In These Verses!
 - But - Whenever You Experience:
 - The Hatred Of The World:
 - Jesus Wants You To Know That:
 - The First & Foremost Reason Is:
 - Your Connection To Christ!
 - And - If / When The World Hates You:
 - You Are In Good Company:
 - Because The World First Hated Christ!
 - In Fact - The World - Which Is:

- All Of The Fallen Creation That Is Contrary To The Creator:
 - Hated Christ From The Beginning! But Why?
- Didn't Jesus Come:
 - To Shine God's Light Into This World?
 - As We Saw Back In 1:9?
 - "[That] was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world!"
 - So - Why Does The World Hate Christ?
- Didn't Jesus Come:
 - To Sacrifice His Life For This World?
 - As We Found Back In 6:33?
 - "For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world!"
 - So - Why Does The World Hate Christ?
- Didn't Jesus Come:
 - To Share God's Love For This World?
 - As We Saw Back In 3:16:
 - "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life!"
 - So - Why Does The World Respond To God's Love For Them Hate For Christ?
- Why? Because Of What Jesus Said:
 - In 7:7 - "The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil!"
 - And So - The World Still Hates:
 - The One It Has Always Hated:
 - Because His Light:
 - Disrupts Their Darkness!
 - Because His Life:
 - Defines Their Death!
 - And - Because His Love:
 - Discovers Their Hate!
 - And - The Reason The World:
 - Will Hate You - Is Because:
 - When You Believe In Christ:
 - You Become An Extension:
 - Of Christ!
 - And - Any:
 - Light You Shine!
 - Life You Sacrifice!
 - Love You Share!
 - As Christ's - Will Only Remind The World Of Christ & Their Corruption!
 - And So - This Is Why:
 - "The World Hateth You!"
 - Because Of Your Connection:
 - To Christ!
 - This Is Why Later:
 - John Will Write In 1 John 3:13:
 - "Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you!"
 - Do You Have This Connection:
 - To Christ?

* The Second Reason Jesus Gives For The World's Hate Is:

2. ***Because Of Your New Condition In Christ!***

- Your New Condition:
 - In The Lord Jesus Christ:
 - Which He Describes Next In 15:19:
 - "If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you!"

- One Of The Basic Truths:
 - Of The Christian Life:
 - Is That There Ought To Be & There Will Be A Difference & A Contrast:
 - Between Those Who Still Belong To The World & Those Who Now Belong To Christ!
 - This Basic Truth:
 - Is Summarized In 2 Corinthians 5:17:
 - “Therefore if any man [be] in Christ, [he is] a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new!”
- The “Old Things” Are:
 - The World’s Things!
 - And - If You Were Still:
 - “Of The World” - And Still:
 - Belonged To The World:
 - Then - You Wouldn’t Have Anything To Worry About!
 - Because - You Would Still Be In:
 - The Same Old Condition As The World!
 - And The World Would Still Love You:
 - As Its Friend!
 - But - What Does This Mean For Your Relationship With God?
 - James 4:4 - “Know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God!”
 - Whose Friend & Whose Foe Do You Want To Be?
 - But - When You Belong To Christ:
 - Jesus Says That You Are:
- “Not Of The World!”
 - That Is - You No Longer Belong To The World:
 - But - You Belong To Him!
 - And - You Belong To Him:
 - In Such A Way That:
 - It Changes Your Condition Completely!
 - So - That - The “Old Things Are Passed Away!”
 - And - “All Things Are Become New!”
 - Now - If This Is True For You:
 - Then You Should No Longer Even:
 - Identify Yourself In Terms:
 - “Of The World!”
 - Because - You Are No Longer:
 - “Of The World!”
 - That’s Why In 1 Corinthians 6 - After Describing Some Of The Old, Sinful Lifestyles Of The World:
 - Paul Says This Of The Church - “And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God!”
 - In Christ - You Are No Longer:
 - What You Were!
 - And Its All Because:
 - Jesus Himself “Chose You Out Of The World!” (15:19)
- And So - This Is Why:
 - “The World Hateth You!” (15:19)
 - Because Of Your New Condition:
 - In Christ!
 - And - The World Will See You:
 - As A Traitor To Its Cause!
 - To The World - Christians Are:
 - Its Judas!
 - Do You Have This Condition & Change:
 - In Christ?

* The Third Reason We Find For The World's Hate Is:

3. ***Because Of Your New Commitment To Christ!***

- Your New Commitment:

- To The Lord Jesus Christ:

- Which We See In 15:20:

- "Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also!"

- Now - One Thing We See Going On In This Verse:

- Is That - As Jesus Warns Us:

- About The Hatred Of The World!

- He Does Not Want Us:

- To Retaliate:

- Against The World:

- In Kind!

- Nor Does He Want Us:

- To Faint & Collapse:

- In The Midst Of It!

- Nor Does He Want Us:

- To Compromise:

- So That The World Might:

- Love You Again!

- Even Though All Of These Things:

- Are Temptations:

- When We Experience The Reality Of The World's Hatred!

- But Instead - Jesus Wants Us:

- To Remember His Word!

- What Is It That Will Get You Through:

- This World Of Hate?

- The Word Of Christ!

- After All - His Word:

- Is A Revealed Word!

- That Reveals The Lord's Desire & Will - Even In The Midst Of:

- A World Of Hate!

- And Also - His Word:

- Is A Recorded Word!

- You Can Remember What He Said - Because Its Been Preserved For Us!

- And So - Jesus Wanted His Disciples:

- Both Then & Now:

- To Recall His Word:

- That He Told Them Back In 13:16 - Which He Here Quotes:

- Word For Word!

- "The Servant Is Not Greater Than His Lord!"

- Now In Chapter 13:

- He Said These Words:

- In The Context Of Service!

- Even As He Washed His Disciples Feet With His Own Hands!

- But Here - In Chapter 15:

- He Says These Words:

- In The Context Of Suffering!

- So - It's The Same Truth:

- In Different Contexts!

- Even Though There May Still Be A Connection Between:

- The Kind Of Service You Render & The Kind Of Suffering You Endure For
The Cause Of Christ!

- But - Since This Statement / Proverb Is True:

- Whatever The Context:

- Jesus Wants Us To Remember That:

- Though We Are His Friends:
 - We Are Still His Servants & Slaves!
- Because He Is & Will Always Be:
 - Our Lord!
- And - Since Jesus, Our Lord:
 - Served Us - We Must Be Committed:
 - To Serve Him:
 - As His Slaves!
- And - Since Jesus Our Lord:
 - Suffered For Us - We Must Be Committed:
 - To Suffer For Him:
 - When Called Upon To Do So!
- We Are To Be Committed To Christ:
 - Even Through - The Resistance Of The World!
 - Since Jesus Said:
 - 15:20 - "If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you!"
 - To "Persecute" Here Means To "Pursue" After Someone:
 - In Order To Do As Much Harm As Possible!
 - And May Even Lead To Death!
 - And - Wasn't This True For Jesus?
 - All Throughout His Ministry:
 - Jesus Was Pursued & Persecuted:
 - By The World & Those Who:
 - Were "Of The World" & Belonged To The World!
 - How Many Times In John:
 - Are We Told That:
 - The People Of The World:
 - Sought To Kill Him!
 - And So - Jesus Says:
 - 15:20 - "If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you!"
 - If You Are Committed To Him!
 - But Even When Jesus Was Born:
 - He Was Pursued & Persecuted:
 - By The World & Even:
 - The King & Leader Of His People! Herod!
 - Who Thought He Could:
 - Eliminate Christ:
 - By Eliminating All The Children Aged 2 And Under:
 - In The Region Of Bethlehem!
 - And So - Jesus Says:
 - 15:20 - "If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you!"
 - If You Are Committed To Him:
 - As His Servant & Slave!
 - But Also:
- We Are To Be Committed To Christ:
 - Even Through - The Rejection Of The World!
 - Since Jesus Also Said:
 - 15:20b - "If they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also!"
 - How Many In Israel:
 - Truly Kept The Sayings & Words Of The Lord?
 - Well - Elsewhere In John:
 - To Keep His Word Is The Same Thing As Believing In Him & Abiding With Him!
 - As In - 8:51 - "Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death!"
 - So - How Many Truly Kept His Sayings & Words By Believing In Him?
 - Sadly - They Were Quite Few In Number!
 - Instead - The Vast Majority:

- Of His Own People:
 - Instead Of Believing In Him & Keeping His Word:
 - Rejected His Sayings - And - According To 1:11 - Though “He came unto his own, and his own received him not!”
- And So - Jesus Says:
 - 15:20 - “If they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also!”
 - If You Are Committed To Christ:
 - As His Servant & Slave:
 - The World Will Resist & Reject You - Even As They Did Christ!
- But - Even Though This Can Be:
 - Quite A Discouraging & Distressing Thing To Hear:
 - Is There Not Also A Glimmer Of Grace & Hope:
 - Even In These Words?
 - Because - Even Though:
 - Most Resisted & Rejected Christ:
 - And - Even Though:
 - Most Will Resist & Reject:
 - His Servants!
 - Weren’t There & Aren’t There Some:
 - Who Did & Who Will:
 - Keep His Word & As We Share The Gospel - Keep Our Word?
 - Yes! And Those 11 Disciples:
 - Were Proof Of That! And So Are:
 - The Disciples That Are Gathered Here:
 - This Morning!
 - Though Many Will:
 - Resist & Reject Us - As They:
 - Resisted & Rejected Christ!
 - We Can Still Plow In Hope:
 - Knowing That Some - By God’s Grace:
 - Will Respond & Receive The Word That We Share From Our Master!
 - Because - As He Chose & Called You:
 - He Can & Will Still:
 - Call Others!
 - And Yet - This Is Another Reason Why:
 - “The World Hateth You!”
 - Because Of Your Ongoing Commitment:
 - To Christ!
 - They Will Not Be Able To:
 - Shut Us Up - With Our Words:
 - About Christ - Because Of The Great Hope Those Words Bring!
 - They Are Words Of Good News From A Far Country!
 - Do You Have This Kind Of:
 - Commitment To Christ?

* But Then We Come To The Fourth Reason Why - “The World Hateth You!”

4. And That Is - ***Because Of Your New Character Like Christ’s!***

- Your New Character:
 - Like The Lord Jesus Christ’s:
 - Which We Find In 15:21:
 - “But all these things will they do unto you for my name’s sake, because they know not him that sent me!”
 - So - Any & All:
 - Resistance & Rejection & Even Ridicule:
 - We Need To Realize:
 - That The World Is Only Against Christians - Because:
 - The World Is Against Christ!
 - And - Whatever They Do To You:

- They Do It - "For My Name's Sake!"
 - Which Means - They See Jesus In You!
 - They See His Identity!
 - They See His Character!
 - They See His Name!
 - All In You!
- This Is The Reality:
 - Of The World's Hatred!
 - And We Must Never Forget That:
 - Obedience To The Lord:
 - Is An Offense To The World!
 - But - Who Would You Rather:
 - Have As Your Friend?
 - The Lord - Or - The World?
 - But Then - Jesus Reminds Us Once Again:
 - About The Root:
 - Of The World's Hatred!
 - Its Ultimately Because:
 - "They Know Not Him That Sent Me!"
 - And - This Ignorance:
 - Ought To Stir Up In Us:
 - Not Bitterness:
 - But Compassion!
 - Even Like The Compassion Of Christ!
 - Because - Even When Jesus Knew:
 - That The World Hated Him:
 - What Did He Do?
 - Remember?
 - He Came To:
 - Shine His Light:
 - Into Their Darkness!
 - He Came To:
 - Sacrifice His Life:
 - Because Of Their Death!
 - And - He Came To:
 - Share His Love:
 - In Spite Of Their Hate!
 - All - To Liberate:
 - Those Whom He Chose & Called:
 - To No Longer Be Of This World!
 - What Mercy! What Grace!
 - Do You Have This Kind Of:
 - Character In Your Life?
 - One That Will Cause The World:
 - To Hate You?

Conclusion:

1. And So - The Reason Why:
 - Jesus Wanted To Tell Us That:
 - "The World Hateth You!"
 - Is So That - When You Experience It:
 - You Will Know That:
 - Instead Of Being Forsaken:
 - By God - It Shows That:
 - You Belong To God!
2. When The World Hates You:
 - Its Because Of:
 - Your New Connection To Christ!

- Your New Condition In Christ!
- Your New Commitment To Christ!
- And - Your New Character Like Christ's!
- And - Because We Can Expect:
 - The World To Hate Us:
 - Because It Hates Him:
 - How Much More Do You Need To:
 - Cling To Christ - By Abiding Him! And:
 - How Much More Do We Need To:
 - Cling Each Other - In Love!

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