

IF THE WORLD HATES YOU

John 15:18-25

Annual Persecuted Church Sunday. Two purposes:

1. Remember and pray for brothers & sisters who suffer for their faith throughout the world.
2. Remember we should expect to suffer for the gospel. The USA is not friendly to the gospel.

The Principle: the world loves _____ (v18-19)

If you remind them of Jesus, they will hate you

You cannot be neutral: both a Christian and at home in this world.
Which side are you on?

I. Why the world hates you (v19-20):

A. You don't _____ (v19)

The world likes conformity and dislikes difference

B. The servant cannot expect better treatment than his/her Master (v20)

Do not be surprised when non-Christians turn on you; they turned on Jesus first (v18)

II. Why the world hates Jesus Christ (v21-24):

A. Ignorance & hatred of the true God (v21, 23)

Rage against His sovereign control and authority

B. He exposes their sin as _____ (v22-24)

1. His words (v22)

2. His works (v24)

III. The Judgment (v25):

A. Upon Christ

Quotes Psm 69:4

B. Upon His tormentors—and yours

Psm 69:22-28

So which side are you on? You cannot be neutral.

IV. The Final Word (16:33)

A. See its outworking thru history

B. See it today

The distinctive of supernatural _____

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Pray for them to finish well

See Bulletin insert on further information

C. See it in your life

Do not be surprised at this world's hostility. That is the norm.
Find your refuge in Jesus Who has "overcome the world"!