

THE GOSPEL *of* JOHN

CHAPTER 15:18-27

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"Why the World Loves to Hate"

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John 1:12

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

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INTRODUCTION

to the text

John 15:18-27

The Persecution of the Church

Joseph Stalin Killed 30 Million Christians in Russia

Adolph Hitler Killed 6 Million Jews
He also killed 6 Million Christians

Persecution is Real

And Annually It's Increasing

In Fact - Being Witnesses is Being a Martyr

Acts 1:8

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Why the World Loves to Hate

1.) *We're Related to Jesus*

vv. 18

"If the world (cosmos) hates (to loath, detest) you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you.

"If (since) the world

a.) *The World Hates Discomfort*

Matthew 5:13-16

"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. 14 "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 "Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16 "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Salt and Light

2 Timothy 3:12

Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer **persecution**.

We're Related to Jesus

b.) *The World Reacts to Jesus*

you know that it hated Me before it hated you.

1 John 3:10-13

In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother. 11 For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another, 12 not as Cain who was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother's righteous. 13 Do not marvel, my brethren, if the world hates you.

DO NOT PANIC ABOUT THEIR REACTIONS -

Why the World Loves to Hate

2.) *He Removes Us From The World*

vv. 19

19 "If you were of the world, the world would love (phileo) its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose (selected) you out of the world, - therefore the world hates you.

The Christian is out of step in this world

**Now In Christ Means
Now Out of this World**

Teenagers Want to be Different

True Christianity is Different
We do not belong here anymore

Ephesians 2:1-3

And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, 2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, 3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

James 4:4

Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

He Removes Us From The World

Romans 12:1-2

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

“Effective Removal” Being Here - But Not Being Here

1 John 2:15-17

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world-- the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life-- is not of the Father but is of the world. 17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

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3.) They Have Their Reason to Hate

vv. 20-21

"Remember (bring it up, rehearse) the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater (larger) than his master.' If (will) they persecuted Me, they will also persecute (make to flee) you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also. 21 "But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, **because they do not know (retain, hold it, keep it) Him who sent Me.**

A servant is not greater (larger) than his master.' If (will) they persecuted Me, they will also persecute (make to flee) you

Our Christian Heritage

Hebrews 11:32-38

And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: 33 who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, 34 quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. 35 Women received their dead raised to life again. And others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. 36 Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. 37 They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented-- 38 of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth.

Verse 21

But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake,
because they do not know (retain, hold it, keep it) Him who sent Me.

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4.) *Because They Have No Excuse*

vv. 22-24

22 "If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. 23 "He who hates Me hates My Father also. 24 "If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would have no sin; but now they have seen and also hated both Me and My Father.

"Jesus."

His name engenders

either love or hate - worship or neglect - honor or shame

Galatians 5:19-21

Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

The World Has No Excuse

Romans 1:18-32

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, 19 because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. 20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, 21 because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Professing to be wise, they became fools, 23 and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man-- and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. 24 Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, 25 who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. 26 For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. 27 Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due. 28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; 29 being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, 30 backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, 31 undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; 32 who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.

Verse 24

"If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would have no sin; but now they have seen and also hated both Me and My Father.

Why the World Loves to Hate

5.) *Because of God's Revelation*

vv. 25

"But this happened that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, '**They hated Me without a cause.**'

Psalm 109:3

They have also surrounded me with words of hatred,
and fought against me without a cause.

This World is Irrational

THE CHRISTIAN DOES A GOOD THING AND THE WORLD COMPLAINS

The world does some evil and it's just an expression of one's self

JESUS GAVE US WARNING, AFTER WARNING, AFTER WARNING

'They hated Me without a cause.'

Psalm 76:10

for the wrath of man shall praise Your Name

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6.) *Overcoming The Hate of the World*

vv. 26-27

26 "But when the **Helper** (parakletos) comes, whom **I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth** who proceeds from **the Father, He** will testify of **Me**. 27 "And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

Though the world hate me, kick me, curse me, kill me
I have been promised supernatural comfort and peace

Not protection, Not exemption,

a.) We Have His Presence Comforting Us

But when the **Helper** (parakletos) comes, whom **I shall send to you** from **the Father**,
the Spirit of truth who proceeds from **the Father**, **He** will testify of **Me**

b.) We Have His Purpose as Our Vision

And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

Empower the Believer to be a WITNESS -

TO EXALT THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

1 Peter 3:15

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,

Matthew 28:19

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,