

LIVING SO THAT THE WORLD HATES YOU



JOHN 15:18-27

I. This is after teaching wonderful lessons about 'the true vine' and love (John 15:1-17).



- Why would Jesus follow such encouraging teaching with a warning of hatred?
- When do the followers of Christ need this lesson?

II. We can choose to belong to the world or to be hated by it (v.18-19).



- **What is the result when we choose to belong to this world?**
- **What is the result when we choose to imitate and testify to Jesus?**

III. Hatred from the world is more because they are upset with God (v.20-21).



- Why does persecution for Jesus lead to persecution for His followers?
- What is it about God that upsets the world? (John 3:19-21)

IV. Hatred from the world has everything to do with guilt (v.22-25).



- What would have happened if Jesus had not spoken of sin?
- What happens when we do not speak of sin?
- In what context should we speak of sin? (verse 12)

**V. The Spirit will move us
to testify to those who
hate our testimony
(v.26-27).**



- How could the early church grow when they were hated by the world?
- How does it help to know that the Spirit is helping us and our message?

Call to Action: To choose to be the body of Christ, fully aware of the resulting persecution.



- If we are going to live close to 'the Vine' and love like He loves, what will it cost us?
- How can we make friends when the world hates us?
- What if our teaching makes people feel guilty?
- How will our testimony affect others -and us?
- How will your life show that you are willing to be hated by the world while loving them?

-How can we help?