



The World and the Christian

John 15:18-25

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I. Hatred

II. Ignorance and Hostility

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I. Hatred

What word jumps out at you in John 15:18? How would you define this word?

What is meant by the word “world”?

In John 15:18-19, what determines whether you are loved or hated by the world?

When we come to know Jesus Christ as our Saviour, why do we no longer belong to the world? What does 2 Corinthians 5:17 tell us?

What point is Jesus making in John 15:20?

What kind of persecution is found in the world today?

What specific thing does John 15:21 tell us causes offense to those in the world?

Why does not knowing the name of Jesus mean we do not know the name of the one who sent Jesus?

II. Ignorance and Hostility

Who is the “they” that Jesus is talking about in John 15:21?

What is ironic about Jesus’ statement that that “they” do not know the one who sent Jesus? What does Jesus mean with the word “know”?

What connection do God and Jesus have in the following verses?
Colossians 1:19-20, Colossians 2:9

Many people say they believe in a God. What do they point to as evidence of this in their lives? How is this less than what God intends?

Read John 14:6. How do we come to know God according to this verse?

What does Jesus say in John 15:23? Why do many object to this verse?

What words would people want to use instead of “hate” in describing their relationship to Jesus and to God?

If we use the words “disregard” or “reject” to define the word “hate” how does this impact the meaning of this verse?

III. Choosing

What is the reason given in John 15:22 that the people have no excuse?

What are the ways that the message of Jesus is proclaimed today?

What aspect of Jesus’ ministry does John 15:24 address?

What does God intend for us to do with the message of Jesus and the God signs that God does in our lives?