

## The Believer with the World – Week Two!

John 15:18 – 27; 16:1-4

**So, In John 15:18-27** we see the believer with the world. The conflict between light and darkness. The word **“hate”** mentioned **8 times in 10 verses**.

**So, Jesus prepares his followers** of the nature of the conflict and our role as believers within the midst of it by asking **four questions...**

- **Who** is the enemy of God’s people?
- **What** will the enemy of God do?
- **Why** the conflict anyway?
- **How** shall we respond during the conflict?

**This morning** the last two...

**Why** the hatred and persecution?

**How** shall we respond?

**Q. Why** the hatred and persecution? **Three reasons** for the persecution can be noted.

1. v.19, *“If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but **because you are not of the world**, but I chose you out of the world, **therefore the world hates you.**”*

**This world will H\_\_\_\_\_ you!**

Example: **Daniel 6:1-9**

2. v. 21, *“But all these things they will do to you on account of my name, **because they do not know him who sent me.**”*

**Because they do not K\_\_\_\_\_ God.**

3. v.25, *“**But the word that is written in their Law must be fulfilled:** ‘They hated me without a cause.’”*

**To F\_\_\_\_\_ Prophecy!**

**JOHN 15:22**, *“If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have been guilty of sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. <sup>23</sup> **Whoever hates me hates my Father also.** <sup>24</sup> If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin, but now they have seen and hated both me and my Father.*

Notes:

Jesus then give us some instruction to those He loves...

**Q. How** should we respond? **Four things to note!**

**John 15:26** “But when **the Helper** comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me.

1. **RELY UPON THE H\_\_\_\_\_ COMPLETELY!**

**John 15:27**, “**And you also will bear witness**, because you have been with me from the beginning.”

2. **STAND B\_\_\_\_\_ AND T\_\_\_\_\_ FOR THE TRUTH,**

The third and fourth are two warnings from Jesus...

**John 16:1-3**, “I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away (**stumbling** in NAS). **2** They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. **3** And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me.”

3. **DON'T S\_\_\_\_\_!**

The word “**stumbling**” [4624], skandalizo – we get the word scandal.

**John 16:4**, “But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes **you may remember that I told them to you.**”

4. **DON'T F\_\_\_\_\_!**

## TAKE AWAY

Three helpful reminders...

1. Think **E\_\_\_\_\_** not **T\_\_\_\_\_**.

2. **R\_\_\_\_\_** your first love for Jesus...love not the world.

3. No time to live in **F\_\_\_\_\_** but to be **I\_\_\_\_\_**.

