

Hating Your Life in This World

I. Radical & Passionate Savior

- A. John's strong recount in 12:25, "Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life."
- B. Why did Christ use such controversial verbs as Love & Hate?
- C. He is radically opposed to the world and passionate about you grasping that (John 6:53).

II. Loving Life

- A. The use of the word love has grown in many aspects of daily life.
- B. You may feel uniquely challenged by the world with the variety of choices in modern society but the word tells us there is nothing new under the sun.
- C. Bible's perspective (1 John 2:15-16), "Do not love the world or the things in the world...".
- D. Don't be naive & deceived. Devil wants you in love with the world or life.
- E. World says love your station in life and improve it at all costs. God says (1 Cor 7:21-23), "Were you called while a slave? Do not worry about it...".
- F. World says love your job but God says in the toughest job of slave (Colossians 3:22-23), "...obey those who are your masters on earth...with sincerity of heart...".
- G. World says love your toys and he who dies with the most toys wins. God says (Luke 12:15), "...be on your guard against every form of greed...".
- H. World says love yourself--not your neighbor. God says (Mat 18:22) forgive your brother 77 times.
- I. World says love new applications of scripture but God says I never change (Mat 4:11).

III. Hating Life

- A. Labels like "hate speech" and can deter us from positive applications (Romans 12:9).

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- B. Paul was advancing greatly in Judaism but expressed contempt for it (Phil 3:7).
- C. Paul in Phil 1:21 expresses contempt for this life versus being with Christ.
- D. Then there's Paul's contempt for religious traditions such as the calendar in Gal 4:9.
- E. Solomon, wisest man who had Kingly resources, tried it all to find happiness but results unsatisfying/elusive—concluding fear God and keep his commandments (Ecc 12:13).

IV. It's All About Christ

- A. The context of John 12:25 was Christ saying it's time for me to be glorified so he had two principles to explain to his disciples.
- B. What comes before in 24 is dying to self yields growth.
- C. What comes after in 26 is dying to self requires following Christ.

V. We Need To Be Reminded Of Eternal Life

- A. We need to be reminded of eternal life while we live in this world (the unbeliever can only understand this world being spiritually dead).
- B. Our reading in Rev 21:1-4 says, “Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth...there will no longer be *any* death; there will no longer be *any* mourning, or crying, or pain...”.
- C. Stop dwelling on your life now and what your missing in this world.
- D. The Christian doesn't have a bucket list like the world does.

VI. Summary

- A. Set your eyes on things above (Hebrews 11:16)
- B. Don't be deceived by the world/Devil, die to self and follow the radical & passionate Savior.