

John 15:18-25
I Love You, But the World Hates You

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John 15:18-21 ESV

“If the world hates you, know that it has hated Me before it hated you. 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. 20 Remember the word that I said to you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will also keep yours. 21 But all these things they will do to you on account of My name, because they do not know Him who sent Me.

John 15:22-25 ESV

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. 23 Whoever hates Me hates My Father also. 24 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. 25 But the word that is written in their Law must be fulfilled: 'They hated me without a cause'.

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The Surety of the world's hate

V18 If the world hates you, know that it has hated Me before it hated you.

- 1 John 3:13 *Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you.*
- The “world” (Kosmos): every unbelieving person in the world
- Hate: despise, detest, a feeling of strong antagonism, malevolent and prompting to injury, opposite of love, moral resentment

The Source of the world's hate

- *V21 But all these things they will do to you on account of My name, because they do not know Him who sent Me.*
 - *Romans 1:18-23 v21-although they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks to Him...v25 they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator*
 - *Romans 8:7 For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot.*
 - *John 3:19-20 the Light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the Light because their works were evil. 20 For everyone who does wicked things hates the Light and does not come to the Light, lest his works should be exposed.*
- *John 15:21b but now they have seen and hated both Me and My Father.*

The Source of the world's hate

- John 8:12 *Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*
- Matt 5:14 *"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.*
- 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.*

The Sign of the world's hate

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- Where did Jesus already say “A servant is not greater than his master?”
 - John 13:16 *Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master*
- 2 Timothy 3:12 *Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted*

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- Jesus is not saying those who had rejected Him were innocent before He came.
- Matt 11:20-24 *Then He began to denounce the cities where most of His mighty works had been done, because they did not repent. 21 "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. 22 But I tell you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. 23 And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You will be brought down to Hades. For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. 24 But I tell you that it will be more tolerable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom than for you."*

Our Hope in Christ

Being persecuted for Christ sake, although difficult to endure, is evidence that we are His
It reminds us what we have been rescued from

Phil 1:29 For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in Him but also suffer for His sake

Romans 8:16-17 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him.

Matt 5:11 Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on My account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.