



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: John 15:18-25 (NAS)

“Taking Our Stand for Christ”

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- 18 "If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before it hated you.
- 19 "If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, because of this the world hates you.
- 20 "Remember the word that I said to you, 'A slave is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you; if they kept My word, they will keep yours also.
- 21 "But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know the One who sent Me.
- 22 "If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin.
- 23 "He who hates Me hates My Father also.
- 24 "If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would not have sin; but now they have both seen and hated Me and My Father as well.
- 25 "But they have done this to fulfill the word that is written in their Law, 'THEY HATED ME WITHOUT A CAUSE.'

I. JESUS' FAREWELL DISCOURSE

A. Promises

1. of heaven
2. of His return
3. of the coming of the Holy Spirit

B. Instructions

1. to bear fruit
2. love one another
3. keep His commandments

II. THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

A. You Will Be Hated

1. the world loves its own
2. persecution is inevitable for a follower of Christ

B. Jesus Uses The Word Hate Eight Times In This Passage

C. They Hate You Because They Hate Jesus *John 6:35, 60*

III. A SLAVE IS NOT BETTER THAN HIS MASTER

A. Persecution Will Come If We Speak About Jesus

B. Account Recorded In Acts 6-7

C. Strong Warning *Matthew 10:32-33*

IV. WHY THE WORLD HATES FOLLOWERS OF JESUS

A. Believers Are Not Of This World

B. Jesus Choose Us

C. Because We Bear The Name Of Jesus

V. RESPONSE TO THE PERSECUTION

A. Rejoice We Are Considered Worthy *Philippians 1:29*

B. Bless And Pray For Those Who Persecute Us *Romans 12:14*