



THE THREAD

weaving Sunday's message through the week

Date: August 16, 2020

Theme: Glory and grace rejected by the world

Passage: John 15:18–27

Main Point: Understand, Christian, the world hates you!

Why? Three reasons according to this passage:

1. You follow Jesus (18–21).
 - a. You are no longer a part of the world's system.
 - b. You have been chosen by Jesus
 - c. You will face rejection and persecution because you claim Jesus's name.
2. You renounce sin by choosing to obey God's Word (22–25).
 - a. Jesus exposed sin.
 - b. Jesus revealed the Father.
 - c. The world hates all of this.
3. You stand for the Truth (26–27).
 - a. The Spirit of truth has come to testify to Jesus.
 - b. The Spirit possesses you to testify through you.

Summary: We need to see and accept the reality that the world hates us because we follow Christ.

Application Points:

- o Be hated for the right reasons.
- o Take your children by the hand.
- o There is no bandwagon jumping.

Application Questions:

•What is your initial reaction to Jesus's statement that the world will hate you? How do you typically respond when you sense the world's animosity toward you as a follower of Jesus?

•What does it mean in our daily lives that we are in the world but not of it (18–19)? In what ways do you see this lived out in your life by the things you do? What needs to change?

•What does this passage reveal about the Gospel message? What does it teach us about the person and work of the Spirit? How do the truths encourage?

•In your personal situation, what reasons may the world hate you that are not about Jesus Christ? What steps can you take to address these through the power of the Spirit in your life?

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