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and work of  
Christ  
**THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**

**Gospel Of John Series – 95**  
**LOVED, HATED, AND HELPED**

*Living as Christ's Friends in a Hostile World*  
**John 15:12-27**

*Because Christ has loved us sacrificially, we must love one another  
faithfully, endure the world's hatred courageously,  
and bear witness through the Spirit's help confidently.*

**I. THE COMMAND OF LOVE WE ARE GIVEN - vv. 12-17**

*"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." (v. 12)*

**A. The Standard of Love — Christ's Example**

- A love that is:
  - Sacrificial (John 13:1)
  - Unconditional (Romans 5:8)
  - Initiating (1 John 4:10)

**B. The Supreme Act of Love — Christ's Death – v. 13**

*"Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends."*

- Jesus is not describing a possibility—He is announcing a certainty.
- The cross is the fullest definition of love (Isaiah 53:5).

**Remember...**

Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to constantly apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil. 2:12-13; 1 Tim. 4:7-9; Jam 1:22-27).

As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?

How can I accomplish this change?

What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

### **C. The Status of Love — *Friends, Not Servants***

*“I have called you friends...”* (v. 15)

- Servants obey without knowing the plan.
- Friends are invited into the heart of Christ (Psalm 25:14).

### **D. The Source of Love — *Christ’s Choice***

*“You did not choose me, but I chose you...”* (v. 16)

- Our love flows from election, not effort (Ephesians 1:4–5).
- Chosen **to bear fruit that remains.**

## **II. THE CONFLICT OF HATRED WE MUST EXPECT - vv. 18–25**

*“If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you.”* v. 18

### **A. The Reason for the World’s Hatred**

- The world hates what exposes its darkness (John 3:19–20).
- Christ’s holiness confronts human pride.

### **B. The Reality of Our Separation**

*“You are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world.”*v. 19

- Believers live *in* the world, but are no longer *of* it (Romans 12:2).
- Our allegiance has changed (Philippians 3:20).

### **C. The Reminder of Shared Suffering**

*“A servant is not greater than his master.”* (v. 20)

- To follow Christ is to share in His rejection (2 Timothy 3:12).
- Persecution is not failure—it is fellowship (Acts 5:41).

### **D. The Root of the World’s Guilt**

*“They have seen and hated both me and my Father.”* (v. 24)

- Hatred of Christ is hatred of God (Psalm 2:1–3).
- Rejection of Jesus leaves humanity without excuse.

## **III. THE COMFORTING HELP WE CAN DEPEND ON - vv. 26–27**

*“When the Helper comes...”* (v. 26)

### **A. The Person of Our Help — *The Holy Spirit***

- Not a force, but a Person:
  - Teaches (John 14:26)
  - Strengthens (Acts 1:8)
  - Encourages (Romans 8:16)

### **B. The Purpose of His Work — *To Testify of Christ***

*“He will bear witness about me.”* (v. 26)

- The Spirit’s ministry is Christ-centered, not self-focused.
- True spiritual power always points to Jesus (1 Corinthians 12:3).

### **C. The Partnership of Our Witness**

*“And you also will bear witness...”* (v. 27)

- The Spirit empowers; believers proclaim.
- We are faithful witnesses, not responsible for results (Matt 28:19–20).