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Don't be surprised if the world hates you.

1st John 3:13, John 15:18 – 19, 23 – 25.

What is it about Christianity that causes people to hate Christians and what they believe?

I. The Love of God in Action 1st John 3:16 – 18

Philippians 2:25 – 30

Love in action begins with the words, “I love you.”

Your words are only as powerful as your actions demonstrate.

Verses 17 – 18

3 standards for knowing if your love is genuine:

1st love is always according to God's commandments.

2nd Christian love is always “on mission.”

3rd Christian love is always a response to God's love for us.

**The most straightforward definition of God's love
is _____.**

II. Biblical love Provides Assurance

1st John 3:19 – 21

God wants his children to have the assurance of our salvation.

Mark 16:1 – 7

The assurance of our salvation is not based on how we feel at the moment. Our salvation is based upon the promise of God's word.

Hebrews 10:22a, 1st John 5:13

Name 2 ways you will demonstrate God's love to people around you?

Notes:
