

ABIDING IN CHRIST

John 15:18-16:4



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The Way We Live Our Life Demonstrates The Evidence Of Our First Pursuit. There Are Only Two Pursuits In Life: Seek First God's Kingdom; Seek The Passions Of The World.



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“If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. 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. 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. But all these things they will do to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me. 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.

**John 15:18–
16:4**



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“Whoever hates me hates my Father also. 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. But the word that is written in their Law must be fulfilled: ‘They hated me without a cause.’

**John 15:18–
16:4**

“But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.



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“I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you.

**John 15:18–
16:4**

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you.”



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CONSIDER THE COST

Christ Love For You

- Fair warning
- Remember first believers
 - The move from Judaism to Christianity
 - Realities of Immanuel – “God with us”
 - Realities of intimacy – “God in us”
- Christ does not want His followers to take the call lightly



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CONSIDER THE COST

Christ Love For You

To Love Christ Is To Love God

- Christ demonstrated His love for God
- Christ demonstrated His love for you
- God's plan is redemption because He desires you



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Christ Love For You

To Love Christ Is To Love God

The Conflict That Exist

- Light and dark – John 1:1-18
- Loving Christ or loving the world
- Loving truth or loving deception
- Loving the eternal or loving the short term



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CONSIDER THE COST

Christ Love For You
To Love Christ Is To Love God
The Conflict That Exist
Warning Issued

- If the world
 - Hatred of Christ
 - Hatred for Christ followers
- If of the world
 - Embraced by the world
 - Liked minded and not Christ minded



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CONSIDER THE EVIDENCES

Chosen

- The order of our relationship
- God chose
- God initiates the action
- Called out of the world



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CONSIDER THE EVIDENCES

Chosen

Response

- The response of the world – hatred
- Expected persecution
- God's holiness reveals our sinfulness



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CONSIDER THE EVIDENCES

Chosen

Response

The Reasoning

- If the world kept Christ words
- They would keep believers
- Anchors in response to Christ's name
- Not knowing God



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CONSIDER THE EVIDENCES

Chosen

Response

The Reasoning

The Rejection

- General revelation and rejection – Romans 1:18-32
- Gospel revelation and rejection – 1 Corinthians 1:18-25



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CONSIDER THE BLESSINGS

True Intimacy With God

- Promise of the Holy Spirit
- Promise of continued works
- Promise of truth
- Promise of being a witness of the gospel



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CONSIDER THE BLESSINGS

True Intimacy With God

As Trials Come – Matthew 7:24-27

- Remember the promises of God
- Not taken by surprise
- Faith grows as fulfillment happens



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True Intimacy With God

As Trials Come – Matthew 7:24-27

Evidence Started As The Church Was Birthed

- Testimony of Paul pre-Christ
- Testimony of world religions
- Remembering the words of Christ
- Knowing the words of Christ
- Abiding in the words of Christ

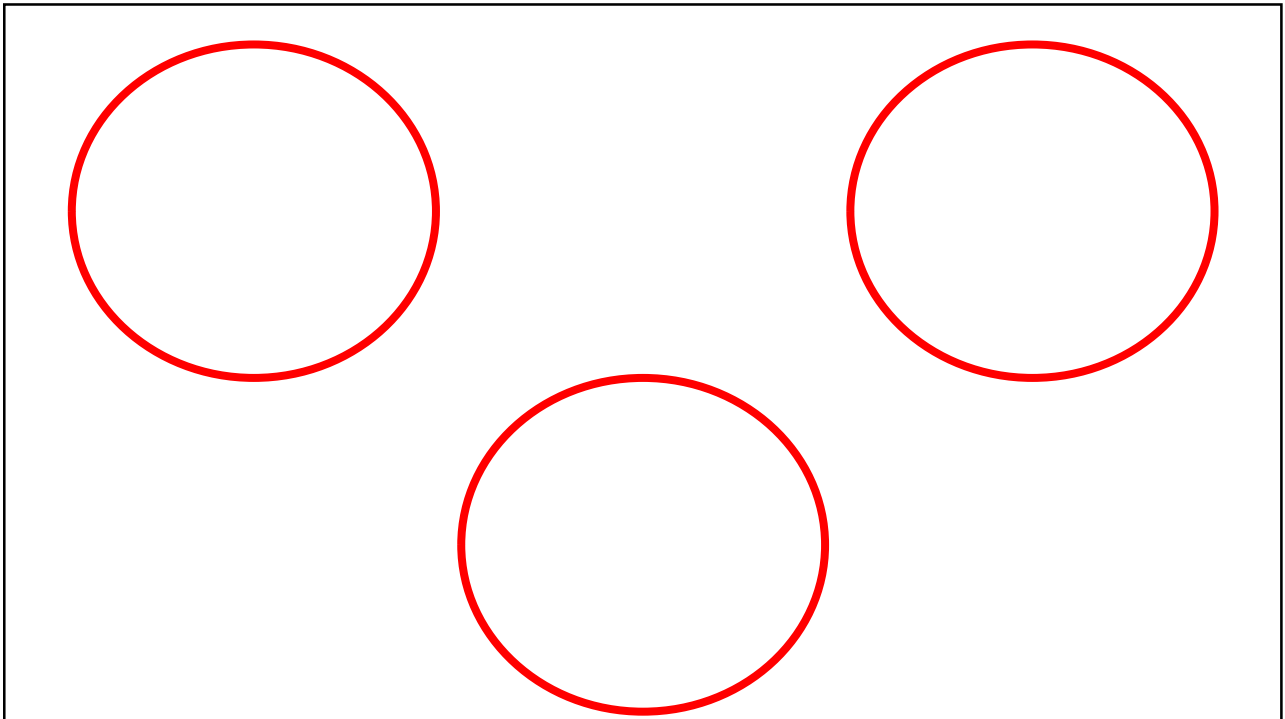


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DOES YOUR LIFE BEAR WITNESS?



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