

John 15:17-16:4

Wednesday Night Bible Study - 3-30-22

The main idea: _____ from the world

- Jesus wants his disciples to know the full cost of following him from the beginning
- The world (“kosmos”) is the _____
in active rebellion against God
 - Stott: “Society organized without reference to God”
- The world hates Jesus because he testifies that its deeds are _____ (John 7:7)
- Jesus: “If the world hates you, it’s because it hated _____ first.”
- V. 19 - Jesus’ followers have become _____ to the world
- Opposition to the disciples and their mission is _____ (v. 20; cf. 13:16)

V. 20 affirms people are divided *in both ways* to the message of Jesus

- There will be opposition, but also _____
- Jesus’ realism: pessimism about _____ blended with optimism about _____
- V. 21 - “all these things they will do to you on account of My name” (because of me)

Notes:

The challenge of vv. 22 and 24

- Jesus _____ and _____ man’s preference of darkness to light
- Jesus splits what is gray into black and white (Matthew 12:30)
 - His words and works were God’s (14:10)
 - To hate him is to hate the Father. To accept him is to accept the Father.
- Last week: To remain in God’s love is to be obedient to his commands to love one another.
 - You can’t love Jesus and not love the church
 - To love Jesus IS to love the church
- Here: If the world hates you, it’s because it hates me, and to hate me is to hate the Father
 - Love/hate for God is inextricably _____ with love/hatred for Christ and his church
- “The world hates God, therefore me AND you”
- “You must love God, therefore me AND one another”

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The Third Paraclete Saying (vv. 26-27)

- V. 26 - The Holy Spirit _____ the testifying work of those who have been with Jesus from the beginning (v. 27, his apostles), and by extension all disciples who follow
- He is “another” like Jesus (14:16)
 - He (like the Son in 8:42; 13:3; 16:27, 28, 30; 17:8) “comes from the Father”
 - By the Spirit the Son is _____.
 - At the request of the Son the Spirit _____.
 - One is “with you now” and the other will be “in you” forever (14:16-17)
- His witness will force a _____ in the world
 - _____ for believers (14:16 ff.)
 - _____ for the world (16:8).

Notes:

16:1 - Jesus' primary concern for his disciples: that they might _____

- Vv. 2-3 - coming trials and tribulations (cf. John 16:33; Matthew 5:11; Mark 4:17; et al.)
- V. 4 - Jesus doesn't want his disciples to be caught off guard or taken by surprise, and thus be tempted or pressured to turn away
 - This will turn an opportunity for _____ into an opportunity for _____ that perseveres
 - His word will be confirmed, and therefore more easily trusted (13:19; 14:29)
- If Jesus' promise for opposition is confirmed to be true, then his followers can be certain that his promise for _____ in that time will also be confirmed to be true (Luke 12:11-12)
- This is a promise to all who would follow Jesus: that it will be costly, but that the shepherd will provide all that his flock could ever need

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