

DESPISED BY THE WORLD
(John 15:17-25)

- I. The World Hates Believers Because It Rejects Those Who Are _____ (John 15:18a, 19)
- A. Its _____ hates believers (Eph. 6:11; 1 Peter 5:8)
- B. The world _____ those who do _____ (Rom. 1:32)
- C. The world _____ believers because they are _____
1. Christ has _____ us to _____ from the world (Eph. 5:11; Phil. 2:15)
 2. Our _____ lives _____ the world's evil (Prov. 29:27; 1 Peter 4:3-4; 1 John 3:12)
- II. The World Hates Believers Because It _____ (John 15:18b, 20-21a)
- A. Their hatred is really _____ at _____
1. He exercised _____ over Jewish _____ (John 5:16)
 2. He claimed _____ with _____ (John 5:18; 7:1, 32; 8:59; 10:31; 11:47-53)
- B. Jesus' slaves could not expect to be treated _____ than their _____ (cf. 13:16)
- C. Since they _____ Jesus, they will also _____ us (cf. Matt. 10:24-25; Phil. 3:10)
- D. Those who _____ His word will keep _____ as well

1. Some will _____ in Christ through _____ ministry
2. This will be one source of the _____ Jesus promised (15:11)

III. The World Hates Believers Because It Does Not _____ (John 15:21b-25)

- A. They do not know the One who _____ (cf. Rom. 1:18-21; 8:7-8; Eph. 4:18)
- B. Their culpability is _____ for having _____ and _____ Christ
- C. Hatred for Jesus _____ hatred for the Father
- D. Their hatred is included in _____ (cf. Pss. 35:19; 69:4)

IV. The World's Hatred of Believers Has Been Demonstrated throughout History

- A. The _____ persecuted the first _____ Christians
- B. _____ persecuted the _____
- C. The _____ persecuted _____
- D. Persecution has _____ worldwide in the last century