

**“Why the World will Hate You” (Part 2)  
John 15:21 – 25**

**Big Idea – The world hates true Christ-followers because it does not know God.**

(Review first 5 reasons from last week’s message/passage John 15:18-20)

- 1. The world hated Jesus first.**
- 2. We are not a part of the world system – not part of the “in crowd”.**
- 3. We are called to be the opposite of the world system.**
- 4. The world hates the sovereignty of God.**
- 5. The world will persecute us because they persecuted Jesus.**

John 15:21 They will do all this to you because of me, for they have rejected the One who sent me.

22 They would not be guilty if I had not come and spoken to them. But now they have no excuse for their sin.

23 Anyone who hates me also hates my Father.

24 If I hadn’t done such miraculous signs among them that no one else could do, they would not be guilty. But as it is, they have seen everything I did, yet they still hate me and my Father.

25 This fulfills what is written in their Scriptures: ‘They hated me without cause.’

**6. The world will hate you because they don’t know God – vs. 21 - 25**

**Satan uses false religion to control people -vs. 21**

1 Corinthians 10:20 ... what is sacrificed to idols is offered to demons, not to God. And I do not want you to share anything with demons.

**Modernism & liberalism** – those who call themselves Christian but deny the virgin birth, the deity of Christ, the blood atonement for sins, the verbal inspiration of the Bible.

Paul told Timothy that in the last days this would be true of people:

2 Timothy 3:5 “They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. Stay away from people like that!”

**Atheism** – no god, but in reality it's a god of their own making

**Paganism** – people worship a host of false gods, the sun, moon stars

**Science** - 1 Timothy 6:20 “O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane *and* vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called:”

**They are without excuse – vs. 22**

They know the truth of God

Romans 1:18 “God’s anger is shown from heaven against all the evil and wrong things people do. By their own evil lives they hide the truth.

19 God shows his anger because some knowledge of him has been made clear to them. Yes, God has shown himself to them.

20 There are things about him that people cannot see—his eternal power and all the things that make him God. But since the beginning of the world those things have been easy to understand by what God has made. So people have no excuse for the bad things they do.”

Inwardly – conscience  
Outwardly - Creation

They deliberately turn away, reject the truth, the knowledge of God

What is the greatest sin? – Rejecting full revelation

When the world crucified Jesus they did it with full revelation from God. He had given them the Old Testament, and He had given them Jesus Christ. They heard what He saw, they saw what He did, and they killed Him anyway. They rejected every single thing that God could possibly reveal to them. Just like those spoken of in Hebrews 6:4-6; these are not Christians who lost their salvation because further down in vs. 9 he says, “Beloved, we are persuaded better things of you and things that accompany salvation.” These verses refer not to salvation but to someone who has full revelation and rejects it like the Pharisees in Matt. 12:24-32.

**Men are held responsible for rejecting God – vs. 23 – 25**

John 15:23 “Anyone who hates me also hates my Father.”

Paul says in 1 Corinthians 2:7, 8 that if they had known God they would not have crucified the Lord Jesus Christ.

John 15:25 comes from two of the Davidic Psalms, 35 & 39 – David foresaw that they would hate Messiah. What does Jesus mean when He says, “this happened or this came to pass” in verse 25. Jesus spoke enough words and did enough deeds among them to make them responsible. He did that so that, when they hated him, they hated him without a cause. God erased every reason for mankind to hate Jesus. God did everything to save man, everything to keep man out of hell.

John 3:16 “For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

17 God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.

18 “There is no judgment against anyone who believes in him. But anyone who does not believe in him has already been judged for not believing in God’s one and only Son.

19 And the judgment is based on this fact: God’s light came into the world, but people loved the darkness more than the light, for their actions were evil.

20 All who do evil hate the light and refuse to go near it for fear their sins will be exposed.

21 But those who do what is right come to the light so others can see that they are doing what God wants.”