

New Testament Church
The Book of John #30 – John 15:18-27 – The Hatred from the World
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I The Gospel of John - Why expository preaching and why the Book of John at this time?

- A. Expository preaching brings depth, continuity and helps a congregation study together
 - 1. John reveals Christ as God – (eagle) - “behold your God” (Is. 40:9)
 - 2. The gospels reveal the “four faces” of Christ – king, servant, man, eagle
- B. John, author of John, 1st, 2nd, 3rd John and Revelation was a disciple of John the Baptist
- C. One of the themes in John are the various **signs** that indicate critical aspects of Christ
 - 1. The **first SIGN** was water into wine (John 2) – there is New Life in Christ
 - 2. The **second SIGN** was healing the Nobleman’s son (John 4) – faith in Christ’s Word
 - 3. The **third SIGN** was healing the cripple (John 5) – Christ’s undeserving Grace
 - 4. The **fourth SIGN** feeding the 5,000 (John 6) – Christ is the bread of life
 - 5. The **fifth SIGN** of walking on water (John 6) – Transcendence of Bread (empowerment)
 - 6. The **sixth SIGN** of healing the man born blind (John 9) – Spiritual Sight (through Christ)
 - 7. The **seventh SIGN** of raising Lazarus from the dead (John 11) – Resurrection Life
- D. The **I AM** statements by Jesus – declaring who He is...
 - 1. In John 6 and 8 - **I am the Bread of Life; I am the Light of the World**
 - 3-4. In John 10 – **I am the Door** and **I am the Good Shepherd**
 - 5. In John 11 and 14 – **I am the Resurrection and Life; I am the Way, Truth and Life**
 - 6. John 15 – **I am the true Vine and my Father is the Husbandman**

II John 15:18-27 – The hatred from the World

- A. **The World’s Hatred** – v. 18 - “if the world hate you, you know it hated Me before it hated you”
 - 1. The world – *kosmos* – “orderly arrangement” (universe); “people” or “worldly values”
 - a. The people “of the world” – whose values are drawn from worldliness that *hate Christ*
 - b. *The ungodly multitude... alienated from God and therefore hostile to the cause of Christ*
 - c. *Worldly affairs; ...things earthly... seduce from God... obstacles to the cause of Christ*
 - 2. Hate – *miseo* – “to detest, abhor” – “pursue with hatred” (Pr. 8:13 – fear of God is to hate evil)
 - 3. The Devil inflames hatred toward God and believers through the world – 1st Jn. 5:19; Eph. 2:2
 - 4. The idea that believers are to love everything and never detest evil is immoral
 - 5. “We are known by what we love and hate.” (Rushdoony) – distinguish people from raw evil
- B. v. 19-23 - We are “not of the world” – Our values, beliefs and convictions come from God
 - 1. Our new birth, and subsequent values, come from God as defined by the Bible, not the world
 - 2. We have been chosen “out of the world” – so there is a hatred increasingly manifested today
 - 3. *Remember* the word that I said to you – from John 13:16 “the servant is not greater than his lord...” & Mt. 10:24-25 “the disciple is not above his masters, nor the servant above his lord.”
 - 4. v. 21 - hatred toward believers is hatred toward the true God – **not all gods are the same**
 - 5. ***An allignment of evil, but like Jesus’ day, an alignment of believers as well*** (Rev. 22:11)
 - 6. When the works of God are manifested (in Christ) the evil is manifested more fully... (v. 22)
- C. v. 23-27 – God the Father cannot be separated from God the Son or the Holy Spirit
 - 1. Hate the Father you hate the Son; strong passions produce a corporate “spirit” (good or evil)
 - 2. Religious leaders *reject the works of Jesus, want the works without Him, and want to kill Him*
 - 3. “They hated me without a cause” – the law from Psalm 35:19 and 69:4 – it is fulfilled in Him
 - 4. V. 25 – the Spirit is our advocate, comforter and strengthener. He is the **Spirit of truth**.
 - 5. The Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son – *He brings the reality of God to the world*
 - 6. The Holy Spirit and all of Christ’s disciples bring the witness of Christ to the world at large.
 - 7. The Spirit of truth is exposing today the *hatred* of all that is holy, just and righteous.
 - 8. **May we learn to love what He loves, and hate what He hates, bringing Christ to the world!**