



LISTENING GUIDE

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Loved and Hated

John 15:18-16:4

As we finish our study of John 15 today, our passage marks a dramatic shift from the first seventeen verses. In fact, this passage reminds us that while the abiding life is the best life, it is not always the easiest life. Let's look, then, at why it is accurate to characterize Christians as people who are both *loved and hated*.

Notice...

I. A Hard _____ (15:18-25; 16:2-3)

- The world hates Christians!
- **“World”** (Gk., *kosmos*): *the ungodly multitude; people who hold to values that are in opposition to God*
- Why the hatred of the world?
 1. Because they hate _____ (15:18-20)
 2. Because they do not know _____ (15:21; 16:2-3)
 3. Because Christ reveals _____ (15:22-25)

II. A Humble _____ (15:26-27; 16:1, 4)

- Three ways to respond to the world's hatred:
 1. Share _____ (15:26-27)
 2. Remain _____ (16:1, 4)
 3. _____ and _____ (Matt. 5:43-44)