

## ***You Are Not of the World***

### **John 15:18-16:4**

#### Main Point:

Though you are not of the world, boldly testify of Jesus to the world by the Spirit's help.

1. As a Christian, you are no longer of the world.
2. You are hated and opposed by the world as a result.
3. God will hold the world accountable for their response to you.
4. You still need to boldly testify of Jesus to the world by the Spirit's help.

**2 Corinthians 5:17** 17 Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. (NKJV)

**Philippians 3:20** 20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, (NKJV)

**D.A. Carson** "To belong to Christ is to invite some of the hatred directed at Christ."

**Jeremiah Burroughs** "There is nothing more provoking to the world than separation from the world ..."

**Richard Phillips** "Christians who think they can live openly, faithfully, and fruitfully for Jesus and yet enjoy the favor of the world are deceiving themselves."

**Richard Phillips** "Jesus does not mean that apart from his teaching the world would not have sinned, but simply states that the world's guilt is compounded by its hateful reaction to his teaching."

**Matthew 11:23-24** 23 And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades; for if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. 24 But I say to you that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for you." (NKJV)

**Luke 12:47-48** 47 And that servant who knew his master's will, and did not prepare *himself* or do according to his will, shall be beaten with many *stripes*. 48 But he who did not know, yet committed things deserving of stripes, shall be beaten with few. For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more. (NKJV)

**J.C. Ryle** "Religious privileges are in a certain sense very dangerous things. If they do not help us toward heaven, they will only sink us deeper into hell."

**Acts 1:8** 8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." (NKJV)

**WCF 1.5** "... Our full persuasion and assurance of the infallible truth and divine authority thereof, is from the inward work of the Holy Spirit bearing witness by and with the Word in our hearts."

**Sinclair Ferguson** "Because they are Christ's, they will be hated. But because they are His, they will also be helped."

**Matthew 5:14-16** 14 "You are the light of the world ... 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. (NKJV)

**A.W. Pink** "Marvelous grace was this. Neither hostility nor hatred had quenched the compassion of Christ. The world might cast Him out, yet still would His mercy linger over it."