

## **HATING THE LOVE**

*John 15:17-27      Jeff Schreve*

*This I command you, that you love one another. If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you.*

*John 15:17-18*

### **Why does the world hate Jesus and His followers?**

#### **1. The world hates the truth.**

*"If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. He who hates Me hates My Father also." John 15:22-23*

##### **A. Sin must be exposed and confronted.**

*"For everyone who does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed." John 3:20*

##### **B. Sin must be confessed and forsaken.**

*He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper, But he who confesses and forsakes them will find compassion.  
Proverbs 28:13*

#### **2. The world hates God's love.**

##### **A. God's love can never be divorced from truth.**

*Lovingkindness and truth have met together; Righteousness and peace have kissed each other. Psalm 85:10*

##### **B. God's love can never affirm sin.**

*And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering; but for Cain and his offering He had no regard. Genesis 4:4-5*

#### **3. The world needs to see Christians being like Christ.**

*"When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, He will bear witness of Me, and you will bear witness also, because you have been with Me from the beginning." John 5:26-27*

- A. We must shine and share.
- B. We must see people as Jesus see them.
- C. We must be empowered by the Holy Spirit.
- D. We must understand that we are not going to be popular.  
*"Remember the word that I said to you, 'A slave is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you." John 15:20*

**How have you responded to the love of God?**