

BE WARNED! LIFE WILL BE TOUGH!

(John 15:18 – 16:4)

Key Point: *The “world” will hate you; life will be tough*

Why did the world hate Christians then and still hates Christians today?

What can we do to avoid unnecessary offense?

What should be our response when we are hated and persecuted for being Christians?

Key Passage: Luke 6:27-36

Examples:

Jesus (Luke 23:34)

Stephen (Acts 6:8 – 7:60)

Elizabeth Elliott

How do we reach a potentially hostile world?

Mat 22:34-40 “Great Commands”

Mat 28:18-20 “Great Commission”

I Cor 9:19-23 “Relational Evangelism”

I Cor 10:23-33 “Seek good of others”

Acts 16:1-3; Acts 21:17-26 “Avoid unnecessary offense”

I Cor 2:1-5 “Rely on God, not self”

Good News! We Have the Holy Spirit!

(John 16:5-15)

Key Point: The Holy Spirit is here to help us!

What “titles” did Jesus use for the Holy Spirit? What can we learn from these titles?

What works (functions) does the Holy Spirit do?

“The Lord’s Prayer: His Prayer to the Father”

(John 17)

What is the setting for this prayer?

Why is it valuable for us to study and apply this prayer?

OUTLINE OF PRAYER

I. Jesus Prays for Himself (verses 1-5)

Key Insights:

Glory of God is the issue! (v 1)

Salvation is through Christ alone (v 2-3)

Jesus brought glory to the Father by completing the work the Father gave Him to do (v 4)

Jesus is glorified with the Father (v 5)

II. Jesus Prays for the Disciples (verses 6-19)

Key Insights:

We can bring glory to Jesus (v 10)

We need God's protection (v 11)

Jesus wants us to be in unity (v 11)

Jesus wants us to have His joy (v 13)

We are not of this world (v 14)

We need protection from the evil one (v 15)

We are "in the world but not of the world" (v 14-15)

We are sanctified (set apart) by the truth of God's word (v 17)

We have been sent into the world by Jesus (v 18)

III. Jesus Prays for All Believers (verses 20-26)

Key Insights:

Unity is crucial – we should be unified like Jesus and the Father (v 21-23)

Our unity with God and with each other is a great testimony to the world (v 21-23)

Jesus wants us to see His heavenly glory (v 24)

Jesus wants us to have the love of Him and His Father within us (v 26)