

The Persecuted Church

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John 15.18-16.4

Jesus inspired people toward God in his teaching. He healed the sick. He fed the hungry. Yet, the world rejected him and ultimately killed him. How difficult that is to understand! But Jesus warns us that if they hated him, they will hate us as well. Today we will seek to understand this better by comparing those who believe to those who are still of “the world.”

Those who believe:

- Are _____ of the world
- Have a _____ in life
- Discover _____, _____, and _____ in the Lord
- Understand the potential for _____, _____, and _____ from the world

Those of “the world”:

- Cannot stand the _____ of pure _____
- Reject _____ because they reject _____
- Reject the _____ as they reject Jesus
- Many believe they are _____ but do not _____ God
- Are _____ as they hear the gospel

The believer's response to the world

- Do **not** love the _____ of the world
- **Do** love the _____ of the world
- _____ persecution

“I have told you these things so that when their time comes you will remember I told them to you.”