

Standing Fast in the Face of Hatred John 15:18–16:4

SERMON OUTLINE

African Church Father: Athanasius

THREE LESSONS FOR LEAVING

I. We Must Expect the Hatred of the World (15:18–21)

- A. The world hates Jesus
 - 1. Jesus' accusers were numbers
 - 2. Jesus' accusers were powerful
 - 3. Jesus' accusers opposed Him w/false accusations
- B. If we are united with Christ, the world will hate us

II. We Must Understand the Hatred of the World (15:22–25)

- A. The reason the world hates Jesus (and us) is because they do not know the Father
- B. Jesus and the Word expose the sinfulness of the world
- C. Our Christlikeness exposes the sinfulness of the world

III. We Must Endure the Hatred of the World (15:26–16:4)

- A. We rely on God's Spirit
 - 1. The Spirit bears witness about the Son
 - 2. The Spirit bears witness against our accusers
- B. We rely on God's Word
- C. We remember the gospel
- D. Don't give up. Don't budge.

APPLICATIONS

- Expect hatred for the sake of Christ
- Remember the gospel
- Rely on the Spirit
- Run to the Word

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Has there been a time when you were hated for your faith?
2. What are some examples of the difference between the teaching of the world and of God's Word?
3. When are you tempted to go along with the world rather than the Word?
4. What are some ways we can remember the gospel?
5. How does the Word help you endure the world's hatred?

OTHER QUESTIONS THAT MAY HELP

1. What does this text tell us about God?
2. What does this text tell us about man?
3. What should I put on or put off in my thinking?
4. What should I put on or put off in my doing?

PREVIOUS HOMEWORK

1. Make a practical plan to leverage your free time for growth.
2. Contact and connect with your group members.

HOMEWORK

1. Read 1 Peter this week.
2. Remind yourself every day (through reading, listening to music, and prayer) of the gospel.

2 Timothy 3:16	THINKING	DOING	
<p style="text-align: center;">+</p> <p style="text-align: center;">“PUT ON”</p>		Teaching	Training
		<p style="text-align: center;">—</p> <p style="text-align: center;">“PUT OFF”</p>	