

Light and Life: Jesus in the Gospel of John

Today's message: **Costly, But Worth It**

John 16:1 (ESV)

"I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away".

Our Calling: A Summary of *Normal Christian Living

John 15:12-17 (ESV)

¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷ These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

- *Christ-like* _____ *for each other* (v. 12-13, 17)
- *Faithful* _____ *to Christ* (v. 14-15)
- *Clarity about our* _____ *in this world* (v. 16)
- *Assurance about God's* _____ *to provide for us and sustain us* (v. 16)

The Context of Our Calling – the World

John 15:18-25 (ESV)

¹⁸ "If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. ¹⁹ If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. ²⁰ Remember the word that I said to you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours. ²¹ But all these things they will do to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me. ²² If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have been guilty of sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. ²³ Whoever hates me hates my Father also. ²⁴ If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin, but now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. ²⁵ But the word that is written in their Law must be fulfilled: 'They hated me without a cause.'

The context of mission is _____!

Why?

- 1) *We are* _____.
- 2) *We represent* _____.
- 3) *We* _____.

The result? _____ *hatred*

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The greatest danger we face from the opposition of the world is not hatred, persecution, or even death, but _____!

Our Opposition:

John 16:2-6 (ESV)

²They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. ³And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. ⁴But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you. "I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart.

- Is _____
- Is _____
- Is _____
- Is _____

Our Advantage:

John 16:7 (ESV)

Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.

God is always _____ us.

Our work is _____ it.

Jesus _____!

John 16:33 (ESV)

I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But **take heart; I have overcome the world.**