Remain When the World Opposes You
John 15:18-16:4a

But you promised joy!

"If the world hates you ..."

The joy of remaining in Christ is not dependent upon the absence of _____.

_____ the world's opposition. (John 15:18-25)

Those who hate Christ will inevitably direct their hostility toward His _____. (v. 18, 20)

Though there is ultimately _____ for the world's animosity towards Him (v. 25; Psalm 69:4), Jesus gives these **reasons** why He – and His followers – **face persecution**:

- The refusal to _____ or _____ to this world instigates its animosity (v. 19)
- This world has a profound lack of _____ about the one true _____ (v. 21b, 23)
- The true message of Jesus exposes _____ and announces God's _____ (v. 22, 24)

_____ to be _____. (John 15:26-27)

The Holy Spirit will _____ of Christ until the end – and He _____ us to ___ the same. (v. 26)

The world's _____ must never silence the church's _____ to Christ. (v. 27)

_____ to Christ. (John 16:1-4a)

Don't allow the suffering Christ _____ to become the stumbling block* that causes you to _____ Him. (v. 1)

Following Christ may cost us social _____, personal _____, or even our _____. (v. 2)

The _____ of false religion is still _____ lives today. Hold fast anyway.

_____ what Christ has told you when suffering comes:

- You _____ to Christ. (John 15:1-5, 19)
- You are _____ by Christ. (John 15:9)
- Your _____ rests in Christ. (John 15:11)
- Your life has an _____. (John 15:16)
- You have _____ to the _____. (John 15:7, 16)
- You have the _____ of the _____. (John 15:26)

Remember what Christ has said.
Trust what Christ has promised.
Hold fast to Christ, whatever the cost.