

## INTRODUCTION

- \* We are in the midst of John's account of the ministry of Jesus Christ where Jesus, in His final hours, is intimately sharing with His disciples regarding what to expect after He leaves them.
- \* Jesus has promised them that He will be going to His Father's house to prepare a *monae* for each of those who follow Him. He promised that, being at the Father's right side, He would be interceding on their behalf. He promised that He would send the Holy Spirit to dwell in those who loved Him and kept His commandments, and that He and the Father would set up their *monae* in that individual as well! Finally, He promised them His peace.
- \* Last week we saw that Jesus exhorted His disciples to abide (*meno*) in Him - in His Word and in His love. If they did this, they would be fruitful in their lives and the Father would be glorified. He also shared that those who truly abided in Him would indeed be fruitful. Those who were not bearing fruit were not actually connected to the vine (and He was/is the vine).
- \* Today, we see Jesus' instruction to the disciples regarding their interaction with the world ... that they were in the world but not truly of the world. He reveals to them what would be the results of their following Him. This is important information for us to understand, embrace, and heed as we also begin to experience persecution.

## INSTRUCTION

### I. THE P\_\_\_\_\_ THAT IS TO COME (15:18-16:3)

#### A. The R\_\_\_\_\_ for our Persecution

1. BECAUSE OF OUR ASSOCIATION WITH C\_\_\_\_\_
  - a. The I\_\_\_\_\_ of the World (15:18-21)
  - b. The C\_\_\_\_\_ of the World (15:22-24)
  - c. The H\_\_\_\_\_ of the World (15:25; Psalm 35:19)
2. BECAUSE OF OUR DISASSOCIATION WITH T\_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Romans 12:2; Ephesians 4:17-24; 1 Peter 4:1-5; Matthew 5:1-16)

#### B. The E\_\_\_\_\_ of our Persecution (16:1-3)

1. THE WARNING OF CHRIST (v. 1)
2. THE WARPED THINKING OF THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS (v. 2)

### II. THE P\_\_\_\_\_ THAT IS TO COME (15:26-27; 16:4-15)

#### A. His C\_\_\_\_\_ (cf. John 20:22)

#### B. His C\_\_\_\_\_ of the World (v. 8-11)

1. THE MEANING OF THE WORD (cf. John 8:46)
2. THE REBUKING OF THE LORD
  - \* The LORD rebukes \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Hebrews 12:5; Revelation 3:19; John 3:16; 1 Timothy 2:3-4)
  - \* The LORD rebukes \_\_\_\_\_
    - OF SIN:
    - OF RIGHTEOUSNESS:
    - OF JUDGMENT:
  - \* The LORD rebukes \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Ephesians 5:11-13; 1 Corinthians 14:24; 2 Timothy 4:1-4)

#### C. His C\_\_\_\_\_ of the Saints

1. HE WILL T\_\_\_\_\_ (cf. 15:26; Matthew 10: 16-20)
2. HE WILL G\_\_\_\_\_ (cf. 16:13-15; 14:26)

## INTROSPECTION

- \* HOW COMMITTED TO CHRIST ARE YOU? ARE YOU WILLING TO SUFFER FOR THE TESTIMONY OF HIS NAME?
- \* HAS THE HOLY SPIRIT BEEN REPROVING YOU OF SIN? HOW HAVE YOU RESPONDED?
- \* HOW BOLD ARE YOU IN YOUR WITNESS FOR CHRIST?
- \* HOW FAITHFUL ARE YOU IN READING AND STUDYING OF GOD'S WORD - SEARCHING FOR TRUTH?
- \* IS THERE A NEED TO CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK ... AND, THEREFORE, THE WAY YOU ACT?

## INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- \* Considering the verses above, discuss further how our disassociation from the world becomes a rebuke to the world, and then how that might lead to persecution.