

Study Notes and Questions for John 15 (Part 3) :18-27

- What points does Jesus make in **verse 18 and 19** about the hatred of the world toward believers?
- In **verse 19** Jesus says “**I chose you out of the world.**” What does it mean to be chosen out of the world?
- Why does the world hate believers simply because they are not part of the world?
- What should our response be to the hatred we get from the world?
- What does it mean in **verse 20** when Jesus says ‘A servant is not greater than his master’ and how does that apply to persecution?
- What does **verse 21** tell us about the underlying reason for believers being persecuted?
- In **verses 22-25** Jesus speaks of the guilt of unbeliever. What is the reason for their guilt?
- Jesus quoted a passage in the Psalms saying the Word must be fulfilled which says, ‘**They hated me without a cause.**’ We typically try to discover the reason or cause behind people’s reactions but is it possible believers could be hated for no cause as well?
- Note: Jesus promises a Helper to come. The Greek word ***parakletos*** is a challenge for translators. It can mean “one called alongside to help” in a legal trial: an advocate, defense attorney, or character witness. It can mean “an intercessor, a mediator, a spokesman.” It can mean a “comforter” or one who “bears witness.” Most commentators prefer to nearly transliterate the word as “Paraclete” because no one translation conveys all the functions that Jesus says this Person has. “The Paraclete is a witness in defense of Jesus and a spokesman for him in the context of his trial by his enemies; the Paraclete is a consoler of the disciples for he takes Jesus’ place among them; the Paraclete is a teacher and guide of the disciples and thus their helper.”
- How can we see the work of the Helper happening as we witness to the unsaved?
- Read **John 16:7–8**. How does the Spirit convict unbelievers about sin?
- Why should believers be encouraged about the role and ministry of the Holy Spirit in witnessing.