

# Believe

JOHN

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## The Community of Love Faces a World of Hate

### The Internal Relationships in the Believing Community are Governed by Love (Jn. 14-15)

- A. Loving Jesus (Jn. 14:15)
- B. Loved by the Father (Jn. 14:21)
- C. A community of love (Jn. 14:23)
- D. Loving one another as Jesus loved us (Jn. 15:12, 17)
- E. A community of interdependence vs individuals

### The External Relationship with a World of Hate (Jn. 15:18-25; 16:1-4)

- A. Universal scope: 'the world' replaces 'the Jews' in the Farewell Discourse
- B. Hated: An inescapable reality for true believers
- C. The source of the world's hatred towards believers (Jn. 15:18b-20)
  - 1. The world
  - 2. Hatred
  - 3. The source
    - 1. It hates Jesus (v. 18b)
    - 2. The disciples are not of the world (v. 19)
    - 3. A servant is not greater than his master (v. 20)
- D. Why does the world hate Jesus? (vv. 22-24)
  - 1. He exposes unbelief (16:8)
  - 2. He holds up a mirror for us to see ourselves

## How Do We Respond to the World's Hatred?

### A. Our attitude

1. Not being surprised
2. Know that following Jesus is costly
3. Knowing that Jesus suffered as we are

### B. Our Response

1. Inappropriate – we want to be accepted & liked
  1. Compromising God's truth because the Gospel of Jesus is offensive (1 Cor. 1:18)
  2. Accommodating to embrace the ever-changing values of society
2. Appropriate

## The Paraclete (15:26-27; 14:17)

### A. Testifies about Jesus

### B. A fierce & loyal companion as believers face a hostile world

## Jesus calls us out to sends us back