

Being With Jesus: "Love to be Hated!"  
John 15:18-16:4

"Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed."

- I Peter 4:12-13

"The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church." - Tertullian

Should persecution be expected in the life of a faithful Christian?

Why are we called not to love the World? What "world" are we talking about?

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The World system uses three devices to trap Christians according to I John 2:15-17

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of sinful people.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the eyes.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ pride of life.

Why does the World hate Christians?

1. We are \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ.
2. We do not \_\_\_\_\_ to the world.
3. The world is \_\_\_\_\_ ignorant.

What does Jesus specifically promise us and warn us about?

Why did Jesus take time to warn us? (John 16:1)

Personal Application:

**"Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."** - Jesus (Matthew 5:10-12).