

"Hated for Love"

Text: John 15:20-27

Scripture reading: Psalm 119:97-112

I. The disciple's new beginning - vv. 18-19 (last week)

II. The disciple's new oppression - vv. 20-21

A) The greatness of the Master - vs. 20 (Acts 5:41; Phil. 3:10; Gal. 6:17; Phil. 1:27-29)

B) The suffering for His name - vs. 21a (I Pet. 4:4-5; Matt. 5:11-12)

C) The unknowing of the world - vv. 21b-25

1. The nature of the Son is rejected - vv. 21, 23 (Jn. 8:42)

2. The words of the Son are rejected - vs. 22

3. The works of the Son are rejected - vs. 24 (Matt. 11:20-24)

III. The disciple's new Helper - vv. 26-27 (II Pet. 1:16-21)

Conclusion:

1) It is helpful to know that we will be _____ as was our _____.

2) It is helpful to know that there is _____ even in _____ and _____.

3) It is helpful to know that the _____ is at _____ in suffering.

"Every sufferer who bears pain, or slander, or loss, or personal unkindness for Christ's sake, is filling up that amount of suffering which is necessary to the bringing together of the whole body of Christ, and the upbuilding of His elect Church."

Charles H. Spurgeon

Sermon Quotes:

II. The disciple's new oppression - vv. 20-21

A) The greatness of the Master - vs. 20

D. Martyn-Lloyd Jones, writing on **Phil. 1:27-29**,

"...Paul tells us that if we are to be Christians worthy of the name, and if the choice should ever come, we must stand for this. If it is a choice between our allegiance to Christ and our work, or position, or job, or anything else, there must be no hesitation. If it is a question of standing for this (Christ's name) or going to prison, then I am to go to prison; if it is a matter of standing four square to this, and being loyal to it, or even giving up my life, I must gladly die for Him."