

SPIRITUAL CULTURE SHOCK? ~ JOHN 15:18-16:15

→Scripture John 15:18-23 & 16:1-3

INTRODUCTION

One of these things is not like the others

One of these things does not belong

→**Culture shock is a Feeling of NOT BELONGING your head & heart telling you I don't belong here**

THE CAUSE FOR PERSECUTION (we do not belong here) ~ John 15:18-25

[18] "If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. [19] If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you. [20] Remember the words I spoke to you: 'No servant is greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also. [21] They will treat you this way because of my name, for they do not know the One who sent me. [22] If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not be guilty of sin. Now, however, they have no excuse for their sin. [23] He who hates me hates my Father as well. [24] If I had not done among them what no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin. But now they have seen these miracles, and yet they have hated both me and my Father. [25] But this is to fulfill what is written in their Law: 'They hated me without reason.'

THE RESPONSE TO PERSECUTION (keep on going) ~ John 15:26-16:4

[26]"When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me. [27] And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning. 16:1 "All this I have told you so that you will not go astray. [2] They will put you out of the synagogue; in fact, a time is coming when anyone who kills you will think he is offering a service to God. [3] They will do such things because they have not known the Father or me. [4] I have told you this, so that when the time comes you will remember that I warned you. I did not tell you this at first because I was with you.

APPLICATION

BASIC TRUTH...

- You will be Persecuted
- Keep on Going Anyway
- I will SEND the Holy Spirit

1 Peter 2:11-12 (NIV) Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul. [12] Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

Galatians 6:9-10 (NIV) Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. [10] Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

THE HOLY SPIRIT ~ John 16:5-15

[5] "Now I am going to him who sent me, yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' [6] Because I have said these things, you are filled with grief. [7] But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. [8] When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: [9] in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me; [10] in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; [11] and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned. [12] "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. [13] But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. [14] He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. [15] All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you.

APPLICATION

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE...

- **Counselor** = comforter, helper, advocate
- **Spirit of Truth** = helps us understand, gives wisdom

THE HOLY SPIRIT TOUCHES OUR... (D.A. Carson)

- **Hearts** - our emotions and feelings
- **Minds** - our thoughts and decisions

Ephesians 4:30 (NIV) And do not GRIEVE the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

Ephesians 4:29 (NIV) Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

Ephesians 4:31-32 (NIV) Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. [32] Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

THINGS THAT GRIEVE THE HOLY SPIRIT

- Unwholesome Talk vs. 29
- Anger and Bitterness vs. 31
- Brawling and Slander vs. 31
- every form of Malice vs. 31

THINGS THAT PLEASE THE HOLY SPIRIT

- talk to BUILDS others up vs. 29
- talk BENEFITS the listeners vs. 29
- showing KINDNESS vs. 32
- showing COMPASSION vs. 32
- FORGIVING others vs. 32

TAKE AWAY ??

Luke 10:27 (ESV) ...You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.