

# God's Love and the World's Hatred Collide

*John 15:9-25*

**Introduction:** In society today it is popular to view Christianity as a negative influence in the world. Organized Christianity is routinely blamed for war and for inciting hatred and bigotry. Revisionist historians have spun the truth about the past in order to suppress the ways the Christian faith has positively impacted the world. The truth is there wouldn't be a modern civilized world if it weren't for Christianity. Today we will learn why the world actually hates the followers of Jesus. Jesus warned His disciples of this strange phenomenon in our passage.

## **Love is at the center of it all (vs. 9-13)**

## **Friendship with God (vs. 14-17)**

Benefits of God's Friendship:

1. God defines us.

2. God reveals His plans to us.

3. God chooses us and appoints us to bear fruit.

4. God answers us.

### **Two worlds collide (vs. 18-25)**

**Conclusion:** Just hours before He willingly gave His life for us on the cross, Jesus sowed the seeds of another kingdom in the soil of this violent, disordered world.

*“Greater love hath no man that this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.” (vs. 13)*