

The Gospel of John

Chapter 15, part 2

- I. Introduction
 - a. In our previous lesson, Christ taught about the relationship of believers to Him
 - i. Today's lesson continues with the relationship of believers to one another
- II. Commentary
 - a. **Verses 12-17**
 - i. Jesus gives a commandment concerning our _____ towards our brethren
 - 1. We are to _____ one another
 - 2. We are to love one another the way He loved us
 - a. He laid down His _____ for us
 - i. Are we willing to do that for our brethren?
 - 1. There is no greater love than giving your life to save the life of a friend
 - ii. Jesus says we are His _____
 - 1. Consider for a moment that we are considered friends with God
 - 2. Our love for Him is proven when we keep His commandments
 - a. As we've taught before, this is reason enough to spend some time in the Gospels
 - iii. Jesus didn't call us _____
 - 1. Generally, servants do what they are told without any insight to the workings of the master
 - a. However, Jesus informed us of all things the Father told Him to
 - iv. Jesus _____ us
 - 1. No doubt, this is a reference to sovereign grace
 - a. The sinner doesn't choose Christ as he is unable to in his natural state
 - b. Jesus chose us before the foundation of the world (**Eph. 1:4**)
 - 2. We were chosen to bear _____
 - v. When we ask in Jesus name and in accord with the Fathers will (as is taught in other passages), we receive what we ask for
 - vi. After all of these instructions, Jesus reiterates that we are to love one another
 - 1. Love is to be the root motivation for all we do
 - a. This is why the Law falls short
- b. **Verses 18-25**
 - i. We are not to be surprised if we are _____ by the world
 - 1. It hated Jesus and we are His followers
 - 2. The world loves its own
 - a. But, we are not of the world

- i. We were chosen out of the world
 - 1. Again, a reference to God's sovereign predestination of some to salvation
 - ii. If they persecuted Jesus (and they did), they will persecute us too
 - 1. Thankfully, we haven't had to bear as much of this in this country as in some times
 - a. However, this could be changing
 - b. It could be due to our _____ of faithfulness as well
 - iii. When the world mistreats us, it's because they do not know the Father
 - iv. The fact that Jesus came, lived a sinless life, taught the truth, died and rose again leaves the world without excuse
 - 1. They are _____ for their rejection of the Savior
 - v. Those that hate Jesus hate God
 - 1. This leaves no possibility for other religions to be true
 - a. Jesus is the only way into fellowship with the Father
 - vi. The fact that Jesus did the miraculous works that he did makes unbelievers even more guilty
 - 1. Yet, their rejection is the fulfillment of a _____
 - a. God is not caught off guard
- c. **Verses 26-27**
 - i. The _____ testifies of Jesus
 - 1. He leads us into truths concerning Jesus
 - 2. He does not lead any to reject Christ
 - a. He is not the cause of men's rejection
 - i. He overcomes the depravity of man and draws the elect to Christ through the preaching of the Gospel
 - ii. The apostles bore _____ witness of Jesus since they walked with Him since the beginning of His ministry