

Stay Strong (John 15:18-25)

- 1. If we abide in Christ, the world will hate us because we do not belong to the world (vv. 18-19).**
- 2. If we abide in Christ, the world will hate us because of our connection with Christ (v. 20).**
- 3. If we abide in Christ, the world will hate us because of its own spiritual blindness (v. 21).**
- 4. If we abide in Christ, the world will hate us because of its own sin (vv. 22-24).**
- 5. If we abide in Christ, the world will hate us because of its coming judgment (v. 25).**

How can we stay strong?

- 1. Recognize that because we've been chosen out of the world, the world will hate us but Christ will reward us.**
- 2. Remember that our suffering for Christ is only temporary, but our glory with Christ is forever.**
- 3. Realize that we have a job to do: the world is lost and going to Hell, but we have been called to be the ambassadors of salvation.**
- 4. Reach for every opportunity to expose the world's sin and call it to obedience to Christ.**
- 5. Rest in the reality that Christ is the righteous judge: one day He will vindicate us before the world and convict the world for its rejection of Him.**