

BECOMING LIKE JESUS

• JOHN 15:18-27 •



Becoming like Jesus means....

1- You become less like the world. (v.18-19)

"If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you."

Luke 14:26 -- "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple."

John Commentary, St. Helen's Bishopsgate (pg. 186-187) —

"The point is that the disciples have been chosen and now belong elsewhere. If a person belongs to Jesus, the true vine, that person has changed sides. Put negatively, he or she no longer belongs to the world; put positively, he or she now belongs to Jesus. So the primary cause for persecution is the disciples' change of status. The world does 'love' but its love is selfish - to only love its own. Conversely, the world hates and its hatred is directed primarily at Jesus. The disciples have already seen a mixture of fickle love and hate in the way the world treated Jesus."

- **As you become less like the world, you reach the world.**

Matthew 28:18-20 — *“All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”*

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2- You don't live for the approval of people. (v.20-25)

Remember the word that I said to you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours. But all these things they will do to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have been guilty of sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. Whoever hates me hates my Father also. If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin, but now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. But the word that is written in their Law must be fulfilled: ‘They hated me without a cause.’

Luke 6:22-23— *“Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on **account of the Son of Man!** Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.”*

Galatians 1:10— *“For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.”*

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3- You depend on the Helper! (v.26-27)

“But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.

- **Helper = Holy Spirit**

John 14:26 — *“I have spoken these things to you while I remain with you. But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I have told you.”*

John 16:7 — *“Nevertheless, I am telling you the truth. It is for your benefit that I go away, because if I don't go away the Counselor will not come to you. If I go, I will send him to you.”*

- **Justification** (Giving your life to Jesus), **Sanctification** (Becoming Like Jesus), **Glorification** (Seeing Jesus face to face one day)

***CLOSING QUESTION:** Will you make it your ultimate ambition, to become more like Jesus each day?