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Sunday Mornings Messages

**July 18 – “Role of the Holy Spirit (Part #1)”
(John 15:26-27)**

Pastor Anthony Whitlatch (9:30 and 11:00 Worship Center)
PIT Nathan Pipe (11:00 Upper Room)

**July 25 – “Role of the Holy Spirit (Part #2)”
(John 16:1-11)**

Pastor Anthony Whitlatch (9:30 and 11:00 Worship Center)
PIT Nathan Pipe (11:00 Upper Room)

**August 1 – “Role of the Holy Spirit (Part #3)
(John 16:12-15)**

Pastor Anthony Whitlatch (9:30 and 11:00 Worship Center)
Pastor Matthew Downs (11:00 Upper Room)

**August 8 – “From Grief to Joy”
(John 16:16-24)**

Pastor Anthony Whitlatch (9:30 and 11:00 Worship Center)
PIT Nathan Pipe (11:00 Upper Room)

Sunday Evening Messages

**July 11 – “Renewing of the Covenant”
(Joshua 8:30-35) Pastor Matthew Downs**

**July 18 – “Consult God, Avoid Deception”
(Joshua 9:1-14) PIT Stephen Tunnickliff**

**July 25 – Gospel Music Concert
With Jeff Wieland**

“Responding to Hate and Persecution”

July 11, 2021
Pastor Peter Molina

John 15:18 - “If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you.” (19) 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. (20) 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. (21) But all these things they will do to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me. (22) 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. (23) Whoever hates me hates my Father also. (24) 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. (25) But the word that is written in their Law must be fulfilled: ‘They hated me without a cause.’”

#1 - Some of the reasons why the world hates Jesus:

- Jesus is _____ and will judge _____ (Matthew 25:31-46)
- Jesus is _____. “Moses wrote about me” (John 5:30-47)
- Jesus is _____. Every good fruit comes from abiding in Jesus. (John 15:1-11)
- Jesus is _____ and commands us to love. (1 John 4:7-21, John 13:34-35)
- Jesus is _____, “God in the flesh”, “I Am”. (John 1:14, John 10:30-33)

#2 - What Team are YOU on?

- Jesus has set us apart to be on His Team. Because we are on “Team” Jesus, we must endure the _____ being on the other team.
- We have to decide, to be _____, or to be of Jesus.

- We are not of this world! Adam and Eve were created in _____, living here on Earth is part of the curse from the Original Sin - The Fall.
- You have to pick a Team to play for. Follow _____ and all that he stands for, or follow _____ and all it stands for.

#3 - What is the World?

- Transliteration from Greek to English: “ _____ ”
- It is the order of all things on Earth (society, culture, family, organization, etc.)
- Also means world or universe
- This is the team to beat!

#4 - Who rules the World? (who's the coach?)

- _____ is the one who rules the world. (John 14:30; 16:11; 1 John 5:19)
- If you do not _____ in Jesus, by default, you're on the other team!
- If you're not a believer, you're on the other team!
- Choose, play for coach Jesus or coach Satan?

#5 - They _____ you because they _____ who you follow, Jesus.

#6 - They do not know him.

- Your haters do not know who Jesus is the way _____
- Haters hate without ever knowing the truth
- Jesus _____!

#7 - Some Haters understand what Jesus is saying, but deny Him. (John 5:31-47)

- Many do not like to hear that the lives they're living are leading to destruction
- People do deny Jesus, they don't want to turn away from an _____ which may be bringing them worldly success and fleshly pleasures

- They heard the Word, and now there's no saying "I didn't know"

#8 - Jesus says: "I am in the _____ and the Father is in _____" (John 14:8-11)

- To hate Jesus is to hate the Father

#9 - If the Good News is Good, then why is it Hated?

- Because it comes from _____
- Now we have _____, there's salvation
- Still, because it comes from God, evil attacks the "Good News"
- "Hated without cause" points to _____
 - a. Psalm 69:4
 - b. Psalm 35:19
 - c. Davidic Psalms about being zealous for God and being hated for it

How do we Respond to Hate and Persecution?

We respond with:

1. God's _____
2. And _____ in God.

Responding in Love:

1. Love one another
2. Abide in Jesus
3. Love your enemies
4. Pray for those who persecute you

By Faith:

1. We follow Jesus
2. Trust in God

What would you risk and sacrifice in order to follow Jesus?

Matthew 5:10 - Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (11)
 Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. (12) **Rejoice and be glad!!**