## Yes People Will Hate You

One of the signs of the last times will be the hatred and disdain that non Christians will have for Christians. This is not a new issue by any means. Since the time of Jesus, His followers have been persecuted, brutally attacked and even killed. I read one time that the number one persecuted religious group in the world is Christianity.

The hatred people have for Christian ethics is clearly evidenced in today's society by their desire to eradicate any and all Godly moral standards within the education system, government, business, medical institutions and in fact, anywhere they find it. Why such a hatred for Christianity? Why such an effort to remove it from every aspect of life in our country and around the world. The following scripture verses shed some light on their hatred for anything Christian.

John 15:18-20

"If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you. Remember what I told you: 'A servant is not greater than his master. If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also."

Matthew 5:10-12

"Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you."

The bottom line here is this. Until the return of Jesus occurs, the hatred will never stop. All we can do is to keep lighting a light wherever hatred shows up. Whenever persecution comes, trust in the grace of God to endure it. Stand clothed with the full armor of God to resist it. Have compassion on those who, "know not what they do".

Remember the Beatitudes.

## Matthew Chapter 5

Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God.

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