

Pray for Your Church

- **Pray for our Summer Youth Camps and Missions Trips.** Pray that lives would be changed and souls saved through these opportunities.
- **Pray for our Student and Children's Ministries.** Pray for the many upcoming opportunities they have to make much of Jesus. Pray that souls would be saved.
- **Pray for Pastor Travis.** He has a heavy load as he shares our burdens and provides leadership for our church family.

Pray For Our Country

- **Pray for the salvation of all who remain lost.** Pray that they would come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.
- **Pray for current leadership** including President Donald Trump, Senators Mark Warner and Tim Kaine, Governor Glen Youngkin, Lieutenant Governor Winsome Earl Sears, and Attorney General Jason Miyares that they would lead with wisdom and in accordance with God's will.
- **Pray for unity within our country.** Pray that we find ways to share God's love (the Gospel) with those with whom we may disagree.

Sermon Notes

You Will Be My Witnesses: Hated For The Truth

John 15:18-27

The world's rejection doesn't cancel our witness; **it makes it necessary.**

4. The _____ Of The Witness (vss.26-27)

The Holy Spirit is called the "Comforter" and the "Spirit of truth."

The context of our passage is the believers call to witness in the face of hatred and opposition from the world.

By the "world" is meant; society apart from God and opposed to God.

Therefore, we must **take every precaution not to love the world.** (1Jn 2:15-16)

And we must **take every precaution not to conform to the world.** (Rom 12:1-2)

5. The _____ To The Witness (vs.20)

Why does the world, even the religious world, hate people who believe on Jesus and seek to follow Him? Jesus gave us several reasons.

- We are **identified with Christ.** (vss.18-20)

If Jesus, with all of His greatness and perfection, doesn't escape persecution, why would we expect to experience smooth sailing with all of our imperfections?

- The world is **spiritually ignorant and blind.** (vs.21)

Like many today, they knew a great deal about God but they didn't personally know God. (Jn 8:19)

- The World Will **Not Be Honest About Its Own Sin.** (vss.22-25)

They had seen His works and heard His word, but they would not admit the truth.

6. The _____ Of Our Witness (vss. 26-27)

The Spirit of God will be sent from the throne of God to **empower the people of God to witness about the Son of God.**

- The supreme ministry of God the Holy Spirit is to exalt the Son of God, "**he shall testify of me.**"

His work on earth is to remind people about Jesus, to win men and women boys and girls to Jesus.

- His supplementary mission is to energize the followers of Christ, "**And ye also shall bear witness...**"

The Spirit of Truth empowers us to tell the truth. To tell the truth, we need to be honest about sin... Starting with our own