

## “NOT YET HOME”

### JOHN 15:18-25

*How others perceive you as a follower of Jesus Christ should concern you. We certainly do not want our testimony, our witness, to be like a bull in a china shop or an alien visit from another planet or a condescending look as far superior. But we ultimately do not control what others think of us.*

#### THE WORLD’S UNFAVORABLE VIEW OF CHRISTIANS

##### ① D \_\_\_\_\_ (15:18)

\_\_\_\_\_ times in this paragraph makes it obvious that this world hates Christians.

This world’s despise and distain for Christ followers is only \_\_\_\_\_ by its despise for Christ Himself.

##### ② F \_\_\_\_\_ (15:19)

The Scriptures make it clear of our connection to and our association with this world (Mt. 16:26; Rom. 12:2; 1 Cor. 3:19; Col. 2:8; James 1:27; 4:4; 1 Jn. 2:16; 5:19).

The ultimate predicament occurs, however, when you settle down into this \_\_\_\_\_ and sadly, become much like this \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 5:13).

##### ③ R \_\_\_\_\_ (15:20)

Thus it’s not a leap to label you as an extremist the first time you quote a verse or talk about God.

##### ④ F \_\_\_\_\_ (15:21)

In a great paradox, others look at us strangely while looking at crazy and bizarre fans as normal.

Though they freely throw His \_\_\_\_\_ around, they do not truly know the One who has this \_\_\_\_\_.

##### ⑤ I \_\_\_\_\_ (15:22)

For a world that’s looking for a loophole, an exception, a disclaimer – you will not find even one when it comes to your sin and your standing before a holy God.

##### ⑥ S \_\_\_\_\_ (15:23-24)

For us to assert His deity is considered divisive and hurtful, even though it is the truth!

##### ⑦ \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ (15:25)

After all, you’re quoting from an antiquated and irrelevant book, so they think.

#### CONCLUSION

This isn’t the first time Jesus informs His disciples that they will be hated and persecuted. We too will be misunderstood in our world, scorned by our world and rejected from our world. That’s okay. So too was our Savior.

Yet when the night seems the darkest and no one else around you believes, know that your light will shine the brightest.