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23 Whoever hates Me hates My Father as well.

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Philippians 2

14 Do everything without complaining or arguing,

15 so that you may be blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and perverse generation, in which you shine as lights in the world

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because it was not Jesus' friend

...we should expect persecution

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because we expose their sin**

John 3

19 And this is the verdict:

The Light has come into the world, but men loved the darkness rather than the Light, because their deeds were evil.

20 Everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come into the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed.

21 But whoever practices the truth comes into the Light, so that it may be seen clearly that what he has done has been accomplished in God.”

To sum up all in one word — what the soul is in the body, Christians are in the world.

The soul is dispersed through all the members of the body,

and Christians are scattered through all the cities of the world.

The soul dwells in the body, yet is not of the body; and Christians dwell in the world, yet are not of the world.

Epistle to Diognetus (135 AD??)

The invisible soul is guarded by the visible body, and Christians are known indeed to be in the world, but their godliness remains invisible.

The flesh hates the soul, and wars against it, 1 Peter 2:11 though itself suffering no injury, because it is prevented from enjoying pleasures; the world also hates the Christians, though in nowise injured, because they abjure pleasures.

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The soul loves the flesh that hates it, and [loves also] the members;

Christians likewise love those that hate them.

The soul is imprisoned in the body, yet keeps together that very body;

and Christians are confined in the world as in a prison, and yet they keep together the world.

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*The immortal soul dwells in a mortal tabernacle;
and Christians dwell as sojourners in corruptible
[bodies], looking for an incorruptible dwelling in the
heavens.*

*The soul, when but ill-provided with food and drink,
becomes better;
in like manner, the Christians, though subjected day by
day to punishment, increase the more in number.
God has assigned them this illustrious position, which
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John 8

43 Why do you not understand what I am saying? It is because you cannot hear My word.

44 You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out his desires.

He was a murderer from the beginning, refusing to uphold the **truth,**

because there is no **truth in him.**

When he lies, he speaks his **native language, because he is a liar and the father of lies.**

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45 **But because I speak the truth, you do not believe Me!**

46 **Which of you can prove Me guilty of sin?**

If I speak the truth, why do you not believe Me?

47 **Whoever belongs to God hears the words of God.**

The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God.”

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but we are Christ's ambassadors
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**➤ The world that is not your friend ...
is also inside the Church**

Four Overall Takeaways

- 1. I would urge us to accept that hatred and persecution from the world is normal for believers**
- 2. I would urge us to recognize that our flesh loves the things of the world and we must battle that**
- 3. I would urge us to always beware of the world's messaging – real truth is from God's kingdom**
- 4. I would urge us to grow in our love for one another**

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