

## **KINGDOMS IN CONFLICT #2 slides**

The world hates disciples of Jesus because it hates Him.

**Acts 5:40-42** "...and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus."

**Matthew 5:10-12** "*Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*"

The world hates disciples of Jesus because we are traitors.

**1 Peter 4:3-5** "For the time that is past suffices for doing what the Gentiles want to do, living in sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry. With respect to this *they are surprised* when you do not join them in the same flood of debauchery, and *they malign you*; but they will give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead."

**Philippians 3:17-21** "Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself."

**1 John 2:15-17** "Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever."

**2 Peter 1:3-4** "His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by

which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire."

**Miller and Simon** "Joyful Outsiders" p. 38 "You can resist the influence of Babylon if you don't love something more than Babylon. You can't say no to Babylon's false promises if you don't know the promises of God. You can't say no to Babylon's false joy if you don't know the true joy Jesus alone offers."

**2 Timothy 3:12-13** "Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil people and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived."

Disciples respond to the world's hatred by bearing witness.

**Galatians 5:16-24** "But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires."

Jesus gives two reasons HE speaks of the world's hatred.

**Psalms 27:10** "For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the LORD will take me in."

**John 16:33** "I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."