

Standing for the Truth in a Turbulent World

1 Peter 2:9 – 12





WHAT WOULD

YOU DO?

1 Peter 2:9 – 12 (ESV)

*9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a **people for his own possession**, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. 11 Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. 12 Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.*

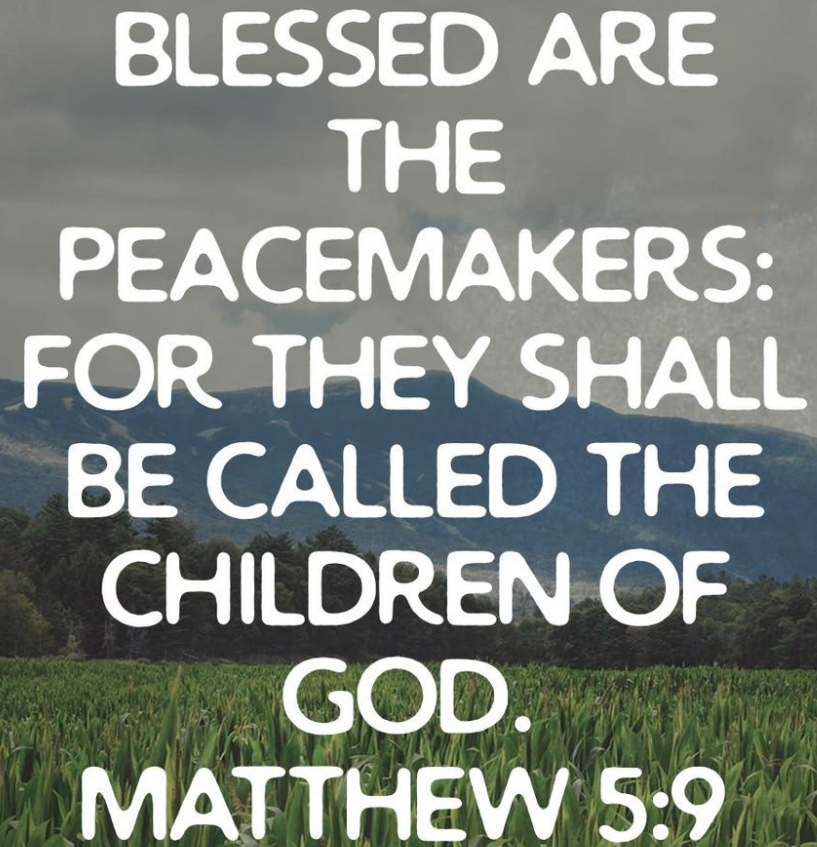
Christians are promised
difficulties in this life.

Matthew
10:34 – 36
(ESV)

34 *“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. 35 For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. 36 And a person's enemies will be those of his own household.*



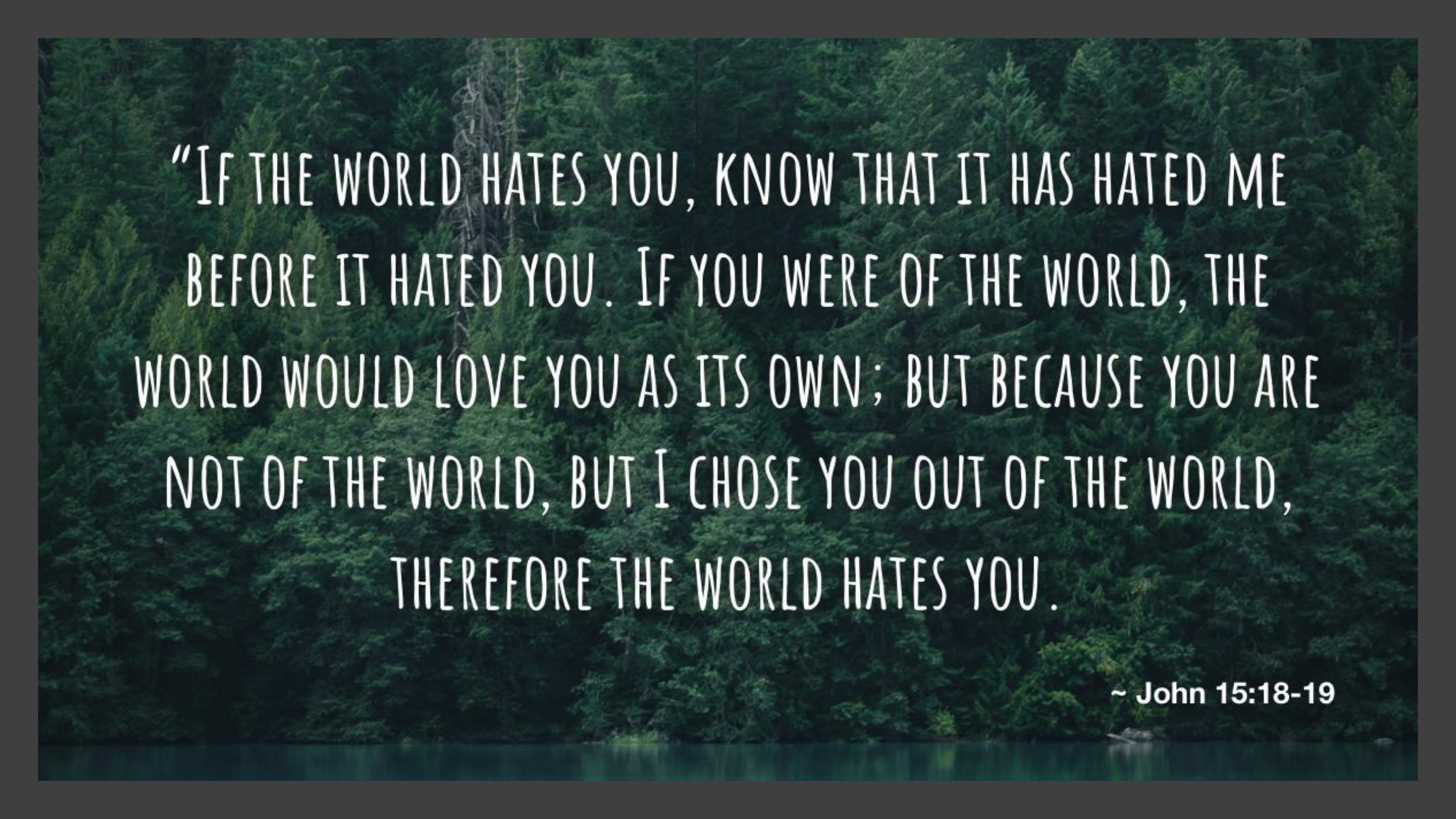
Jesus brings division???



BLESSED ARE
THE
PEACEMAKERS:
FOR THEY SHALL
BE CALLED THE
CHILDREN OF
GOD.
MATTHEW 5:9

Luke 12:49 – 53 (ESV)


49 "I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! 50 I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! 51 Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. 52 For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. 53 They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

A serene landscape featuring a dense forest of evergreen trees in shades of green, reflected in a calm body of water at the bottom of the frame. The text is overlaid in a white, hand-drawn style font.

"IF THE WORLD HATES YOU, KNOW THAT IT HAS HATED ME
BEFORE IT HATED YOU. IF YOU WERE OF THE WORLD, THE
WORLD WOULD LOVE YOU AS ITS OWN; BUT BECAUSE YOU ARE
NOT OF THE WORLD, BUT I CHOSE YOU OUT OF THE WORLD,
THEREFORE THE WORLD HATES YOU.

~ John 15:18-19

Why does the world
hate us, Christians?

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John 1:4 – 5
(ESV)

4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

John 3:19 – 21
(ESV)

19 And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. 20 For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. 21 But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

A photograph of a stone wall with a gap. The wall is made of dark, rectangular stones. In the foreground, a large, dark, cylindrical object, possibly a cannon barrel, lies on the ground. The background shows a landscape with green trees and a blue sky. The text "WHO WILL STAND IN THE GAP?" is overlaid on the image in white, serif font.

WHO WILL STAND
IN THE
GAP?



STANDING IN *THE* GAP

“So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one.” Ezekiel 22:30

1 Corinthians
15:34 (ESV)

34 Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

Ephesians 4:15
(ESV)

*15 Rather, speaking the truth
in love, we are to grow up in
every way into him who is the
head, into Christ,*

2 Timothy 4:1 – 5 (ESV)

1 I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: 2 preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. 3 For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, 4 and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. 5 As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

Jude 1:3 (ESV)

*3 Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write **appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.***

I am
NOT LASHAMED
of the **GOSPEL**
for it is **POWER** of **GOD**
FOR the **SALVATION** of
everyone who **BELIEVES**

ROMANS 1:16

Have you obeyed the Gospel?

Are you standing for the truth?