

## Living in a Hostile World John 14:15-31

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### A BELIEVER'S PRIORITY IN A HOSTILE WORLD: **OBEDIENCE, MOTIVATED BY LOVE**

*"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. . . . <sup>21</sup>Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."<sup>22</sup>Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?"<sup>23</sup>Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. <sup>24</sup>Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me." John 14:15, 21-24 (English Standard Version)*

*For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. 1 John 5:3 (ESV)*

### A BELIEVER'S EMPOWERMENT IN A HOSTILE WORLD: **THE HOLY SPIRIT**

*And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, <sup>17</sup> even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. <sup>18</sup>"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup>Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. . . . <sup>25</sup>"These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you." John 14:16-20; 25-26 (ESV)*

## **CHRIST'S PROMISE TO BELIEVERS IN A HOSTILE WORLD: HIS PEACE**

*"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." John 14:27 (ESV)*

*"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33 (New International Version)*

*And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:7 (ESV)*

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.<sup>7</sup> Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. Isaiah 9:6-7a (NIV)*

*For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, . . . Romans 14:17 (NIV)*

*Don't worry about anything, but in all your prayers ask God for what you need, always asking him with a thankful heart. Philippians 4:6 (Good News Translation)*

*"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me." John 14:1 (NIV)*