

SIGNATURE SERIES

WHY IS CHRISTIANITY HATED?

Jesus warned that His followers
would be rejected for His name.

A BIBLICAL STUDY GUIDE
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OVERVIEW

Why the World Resists Christ

Christianity is often hated not because every Christian behaves perfectly, but because the message of Jesus confronts sin, claims exclusive truth, and calls every person to surrender. Jesus said His followers should expect opposition, yet respond with courage, holiness, and love.

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

“If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you.”

JOHN 15:18

WHY CHRISTIANITY IS RESISTED

The gospel declares that humanity is sinful, Jesus alone saves, and every person must repent and follow Him. That message challenges pride and self-rule.

WHAT CHRISTIANS MUST NOT DO

We must never use truth as permission for arrogance, cruelty, fear, or hatred. Opposition does not excuse unchristlike behavior.

THE BIG IDEA

The gospel may be offensive, but Christians should not be offensive in the way they present it.

THREE REASONS CHRISTIANITY IS HATED

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1. EXCLUSIVE TRUTH

Jesus claimed to be the only way to the Father.

John 14:6

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2. SIN EXPOSED

Light reveals what people would rather keep hidden.

John 3:19-20

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3. SURRENDER

The gospel calls us to deny self and follow Christ.

Luke 9:23

HOW CHRISTIANS SHOULD RESPOND

EXPECT OPPOSITION

Do not confuse rejection with failure; Jesus warned it would come.

John 15:20

SPEAK WITH GRACE

Defend the faith with gentleness and respect.

1 Peter 3:15

LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

Pray for those who oppose you and refuse retaliation.

Matthew 5:44

LIVE CREDIBLY

Let holy conduct support the truth you proclaim.

1 Peter 2:12

KEY TRUTH: Persecution never gives believers permission to stop looking like Jesus.

REFLECT. PRAY. ACT.

Stand firm without becoming bitter or afraid.

REFLECTION

- 1 Am I more concerned with being accepted than being faithful?

- 2 Does my response to criticism reflect Jesus?

- 3 Who can I pray for instead of resenting?

A PRAYER FOR COURAGE

Jesus, give me courage to stand for truth without fear and grace to love those who reject me. Keep me from pride, bitterness, and retaliation. Let my words be clear, my life be faithful, and my response look like You. Amen.

THIS WEEK'S APPLICATION

Pray for one person who resists Christianity, then look for one gracious opportunity to explain the hope you have in Christ.



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THE WORLD MAY REJECT CHRIST BUT YOU MUST STILL SHOW CHRIST.

Christianity will not always be welcomed because Jesus confronts the heart and claims absolute authority. Our calling is not to become hostile, but to remain faithful, truthful, and loving.

YOUR CLOSING CHALLENGE

If following Jesus costs you approval, will you still stand for Him with courage and love?

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