

June 6 - Read John 15:18 - 16:4

1. What are some of the current sociological and political reasons why anyone or certain governments or ideologies oppose Christianity?
2. Jesus gave three theological reasons why Christians will face opposition. First, it is because Christians are not of the world. In other words, they are citizens of heaven and not of this world. In what ways do Christians exhibit to the world that they are citizens of heaven?
3. The second theological reason why Christians will face opposition is that they bear the Name of Jesus. That is, they carry the title, Christ, in their task to judge (i.e. to expose the darkness of) the world. How do we practise right judgement in our midst and of the world?
4. The third theological reason for opposition is that we continue Jesus' mission in the world. That is, by the Spirit's power, we bear witness to the light, truth, and revelation of Jesus Christ into the darkness of the world. In what ways do we bear witness to the light, truth, and revelation of Jesus Christ in our lives?