

# ***IF THE WORLD HATES YOU***



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

Why should the world hate us here in this Christian land?

Churches are everywhere.

Christian radio, Christian TV fill the air waves.

Who’s to hate us?

Take another look.

**The world has long since taken over Christendom.**

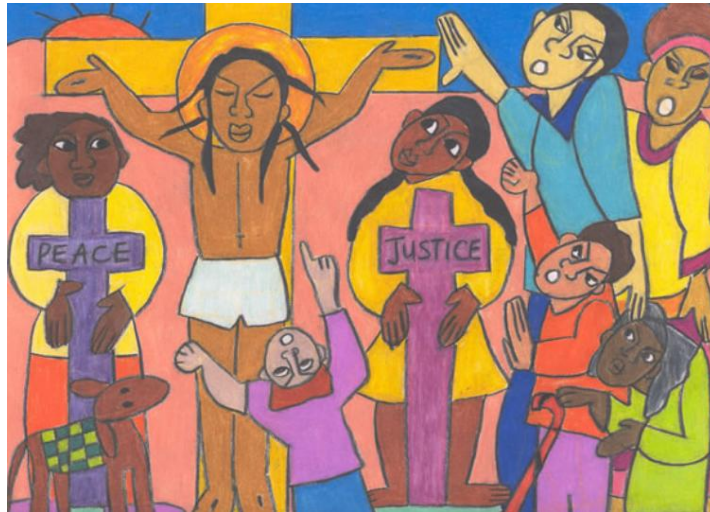
**Christendom is the world.**



***“If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.”***

**Jesus chose us out of the world and made us aliens and exiles in our own land.**

**Those who belong to the Master no longer fit.**



We are “speckled birds”.

We are outsiders.

They perceive us as aliens as soon as we enter the room.

So persecution is inevitable.

Hopefully, our persecution is not because we are obnoxiously righteous.

Hopefully, it's because we are under the yoke with him who is meek and lowly in heart.

**Yet, as aliens and exiles we have a mysterious impact.**



***“Remember the word that I said to you, ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also.”***

John 15

**As we walk in the light, people who seek the light are drawn to us.**

**And the Lord gives us words.**



***“If they kept my word, they will keep yours also.”***

*Prayer: Dear Lord, help us to continue walking in your light even if it means we don't fit in, even if it means we are speckled birds, sticking out for keeping your word literally, and radically following you, even when it's against the path that the majority of Christendom is choosing. Help us not to confuse obnoxious righteousness, doctrinal certainty, or unwavering fundamentalism with keeping your word. Instead help us to willingly, lovingly be meek and lowly of heart.... wonderfully yoked with you. When we are rejected because of this, may it draw us closer to you, may it make the light within us shine brighter, and yes, as aliens and exiles may you give us the words and actions that do mysteriously impact others, so they are moved to keep your words as well. Amen.*

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