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Stand Your Ground

I John 3:13, "Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you."

We are admonished in God's word to "**stand fast in the faith...**" (I Corinthians 16:13)", "**stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free...**" (Galatians 5:1), to "**stand fast in one spirit, with one mind...**" (Philippians 1:27), "**stand fast in the Lord...**" (Philippians 4:1, I Thessalonians 3:8), and "**stand fast, and prepare thee;...**" (Jeremiah 46:14).

If you, as one of God's children, endeavor to "**stand fast**" in the truths of God's word and to live a godly and moral life, there will be those in your workplace, in your community, and maybe even in your family who will not like what you stand for. John, in I John 3:13, talks about the seriousness of those who will even hate you because of your stand. It is happening often in the world we live in today. So much so that people are being ridiculed daily for their belief in God, Jesus Christ, and Christianity as a whole. Luke said in chapter 21:17, "**And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake.**"

Paul admonished the brethren in the church at Corinth when he said to them, "**Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;...**" (I Corinthians 15:1). We should admonish one another to not be swayed or cast about by the hatred in the world against God. We must continue to stand on the solid foundation which is Jesus Christ, Him crucified, and a resurrected Saviour. It is bad enough to have to stand against false doctrines which do not give all of the glory and honor unto the Lord. However, these days are filled with those who have no faith and/or love of God at all. So, let us not be ignorant of these things or marvel at the ongoing display of hatred in the world. Remember the words of John in I John 3:13, "**Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you.**" "**Think About It**"!