We Are the Unknown

Scripture: 1 John 3:1b

Series: Doctrine and Devotion: A Study in the First Epistle of John

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Overview

As followers of Jesus, we are strange to the world around us. The world considers us strange and treats us as outsiders because they don't know Jesus.

Corroborating Texts

John 15:18-19; John 16:2-3; John 17:15, 1 Peter 2:11-12; 1 Peter 3:13

Discussion Questions

- 1. What was the main point of this sermon? [Your strangeness in the world should be the strength of your faith.] If this is true, how would you evaluate the strength of your faith?
- 2. According to the sermon, there are two ways our "strangeness" is seen by the world. What are they? [in our doctrine and in our living] What do these mean? Where and/or how do struggle to show them to the world around you?
- 3. What were the three encouragements given in this sermon? [1. Your strangeness should not be on account of your sin; 2. Don't be strange for needlessly separating yourself from the world; 3. Let your "strangeness" be Christ in you.] Which of these do you struggle with most and why?
- 4. What should set us apart as "strange"? [the person, Jesus] Why should it be this way?
- 5. What are some ways you are in the world but not of it? Does this make the world see you as strange? Why or why not?
- 6. How do you see beauty in this type of strangeness?