

LIVING TRUE TO OUR PROFESSION Romans 12:14-21

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I. Introduction

- A. We expect people to live true to their profession and it's alarming when they don't.
- B. That's especially true when it comes to our profession of being followers of Jesus Christ.
- C. Jesus lives in the lives of those who believe and receive Him.
- D. Jesus expects us to be so yielded to Him that He can live His life out through us in a way the world and even our enemies don't expect.

Christians Are Called to Live Out Their Profession of Christ in a **Way That Only Jesus Expects**

II. How Can This Be Done?

| A. Christians are called to live out their profession of Christ in | | | | | | | |
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| | expect. (Romans 12:14-16) | | | | | | |
| 1. | Jesus said, "If the world hates you, keep in mind they hated Me first." (John 15:18) | | | | | | |
| 2. | The world hated Jesus because He spoke the truth and revealed their sin. (John 8:44-45) | | | | | | |
| 3. | If we speak truth the world may hate us too. | | | | | | |
| 4. | If they persecute us, we are to respond in a way they don't expect. (Romans 12:14-16) | | | | | | |
| | B. Christians are called to live out their Profession | | | | | | |
| | of Christ amongst their in a way their | | | | | | |
| | do not expect. (Romans 12:17-21) | | | | | | |
| 1. | Our enemies expect us to treat them the way they treat us: with anger, revenge, repaying evil with evil. | | | | | | |

- 2. Paul told the Romans to respond the way Jesus taught
 - and modeled.
 - a. What Jesus taught (Matthew 5:43-48)
 - b. What Jesus modeled (Luke 23:34)
- 3. Paul told the Romans to respond like this... (Romans 12:17-21)

III. Conclusion