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BELIEVE

"Relationships in Absentia, Part 3: The World"

INTRO: *In this section of His farewell address, Jesus discussed the Believers' relationships in His impending physical absence. First, He discussed Believers' relationship with Him (15:1-11). Next, He discussed Believers' relationship with other Believers (15:12-17). Today we will study the Believer's relationship with the **World**.*

I. After His _____, Jesus returned to heaven leaving His _____ on earth to continue His work.

Jesus warned His disciples of their future separation. They would face multiple threats to various relationships.

II. _____ threatens our relationship with the _____ in Jesus' absence (15:18-25; 16:1-4a).

*The **World** is the realm of unbelief in the grip of its master, the Devil. The threat (Cf. Rom. 12:2) is based on prophesied persecution.*

III. _____ to the _____ while Jesus is physically absent (15:26-27). *We risk persecution to free*

slaves to sin with the Good News of salvation in Jesus (Acts 1:8).

A. The Holy Spirit bears witness of _____ to _____. *We also have strong testimony of the Spirit's Deity.*

B. The Holy Spirit empowers _____ to bear witness of _____ to the _____.

*The Greek is emphatic (**you also**, prohibiting passivity in our commission. Cf. Acts 1:8).*