Introduction:
1. Sometimes the truth is not easy to hear -Ga 4:16
2. During times when the world is against us, there are somethings we should remember…

I. JESUS WAS HATED FIRST -Jn 15:18-20
   A. HIS LIFE AS THREATENED OFTEN
      1. His birth -Mt 2:1-18
      2. His home town of Nazareth -Lk 4:16-30
      3. The Jews wanted to stone Him -Jn 8:58; 10:31-39
      4. The chief priest and Pharisees plotted to kill Jesus -Jn 11:45-57
      5. He was delivered over the Pilate out of envy -Mt 27:18
   B. HE WAS HATED WHEN DOING GOOD
      1. Healing the paralyzed man -Mk 2:1-11
      2. Healings on the Sabbath -Mt 12:9-14
      3. Casting out demons -Mt 12:22-ff

II. JESUS CAME FROM THE FATHER
   A. HIS WORDS TESTIFIED OF HIM
      1. The crowd’s reaction after the Sermon on the Mount -Mt 7:28, 29
      2. After questioning -Mt 22:33, 46
      3. The exclamation -Jn 7:46
   B. HIS WORKS TESTIFIED OF HIM
      1. Healing the blind man -Jn 9:32
      2. Multiple healings -Lk 8:18-23
      3. Raising of Lazarus -Jn 11:1-ff

III. JESUS HAS GIVEN US A MESSAGE TO DELIVER
   A. BEAR WITNESS OF JESUS
      1. The apostles would report all they had seen and heard -Ac 4:19, 20
      2. We are to shine the light of the gospel -2Co 4:6, 7
   B. REACTION FROM THE WORLD
      1. The New Testament
         a. The people would persecute the apostles -Ac 5:40-42
         b. Saul of Tarsus killed Steven -Ac 7:54-60
         c. James dies by the sword of Herod -Ac 12:2
2. The church today
   a. There are many that will hear the word of God with gladness – (ie. The “in season” -2Ti 4:2)
   b. There are, however, many who will love the world more than the word of truth (2Th 2:10-12)

Conclusion:
1. We are called upon to be the light of the world; to shine the life of Christ before others.
2. The world needs Christians, just like the world needs light (e.g. snake in house at night).