

Problem:

mystical love and mystical truth- semantic mysticism -connotation no context

“be true to yourself
ignore everyone else
all you need is love”
who cares what is true

Text:**Love has a definition**

John 15:12 ¶ “This is my commandment, that you **love one another as I have loved you.** (specific definition)

John 15:13 Greater **love** has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

John 15:14 You are my friends if you do what I command you.

John 15:15 No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.

John 15:16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.

John 15:17 These things I command you, **so that you will love one another.**

((16) appointed to bear fruit -(12, 17) love one another is 3x's repeated - Jn 13:34; 15:12; 15:17 -fruit)

love has a definition - Jn 15:1-11- abide; rev 2:1-5

and a cost

John 15:18 ¶ “**If** (1st class - since) the world **hates** you, know that it has hated (perfect) me before it **hated** you.

John 15:19 **If** you were of the world (2nd class - and you are not), the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but **I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.**

John 15:20 Remember the word that I said to you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If (since) they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If (since) they kept my word, they will also keep yours.

John 15:21 But all these things they will do to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me.

John 15:22 If I had not come (2nd class -but i did) and spoken to them, they would not have been guilty of sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. (in rejecting Him)

John 15:23 Whoever **hates** me **hates** my Father also.

John 15:24 If I had not done (but i did) among them the works that no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin, but now they have seen and **hated** both me and my Father.

John 15:25 But the word that is written in their Law must be fulfilled: ‘They **hated** me without a cause.’

*(19) **and a cost**: 1 Jn 3:11-15 (not surprised by hatred)*

if you truly love you will be hated

*- leaving and cleaving - eph 5:29-32 (our father Adam, the devil eph 2:1-2); mk 3:31-35
2 Cor 6:14-18; Gal 6:14; James 4:4; 1 Jn 2:15-17; Lk 14:25-35*

Truth has a definition

John 15:26 ¶ “But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of **truth**, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear **witness** about **me**. (specific definition)

John 15:27 And you also will bear **witness**, because you have been with me from the beginning.

truth has a definition -Jn 14:6; 1 Jn 2:18-25

and a cost

John 16:1 “I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away.

John 16:2 They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever **kills you** will think he is offering service to God.

John 16:3 And they will do these things **because they have not known the Father, nor me.**

John 16:4a But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may **remember** that I told them to you.

and a cost: 1 Peter 4:12-19 (not surprised by persecution); Lk 6:22-23; from religious - Isaiah 66:5-6; 2 Tim 4:1-5

If you are lovingly truthful you will be persecuted - Eph 4:15-16

Main Idea:

Love has a definition and a cost

Truth has a definition and a cost

Application:

if you truly love you will be hated

If you are lovingly truthful you will be persecuted

Implication:

Love without truth is hypocrisy - 2 Timothy 3:1-8

(Beatles all you need is love - sang along side the mantra of if it feels good do it)

Truth without love is brutality - 1 Cor 13:1-3

(westboro baptist -bad motives)

Truth and Love are inseparable - 2 John

and rooted IN Christ - 1 John 4:5-5:3 -

articles for further study:

<http://www.breakpoint.org/bpcommentaries/entry/13/10134>

<http://teampyro.blogspot.com/2013/08/love-without-truth-has-no-character.html>

<http://www.ccel.us/schaeffer.html>