

# FAITHFUL IN THE WORLD

John 15:18-16:4

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- ⦿ Because the world hates Jesus.
- ⦿ Because we are not of the world.
- ⦿ Because we have identified with Jesus.

I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Philippians 3:10-11

For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for him...

Philippians 1:29

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- ◉ Because the world doesn't know Jesus.

“I too was convinced that I ought to do all that was possible to oppose the name of Jesus of Nazareth. <sup>10</sup> And that is just what I did in Jerusalem. On the authority of the chief priests I put many of the saints in prison, and when they were put to death, I cast my vote against them. <sup>11</sup> Many a time I went from one synagogue to another to have them punished, and I tried to force them to blaspheme. In my obsession against them, I even went to foreign cities to persecute them.

Acts 26:9-11

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- ◉ Because we have identified with Jesus.
- ◉ Because the world doesn't know Jesus.
- ◉ Because God's word predicts it.

In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

2 Timothy 3:12



Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you.

<sup>13</sup> But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup> If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.

1 Peter 4:12-14

# HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND TO PERSECUTION?

- ◉ With the love and grace of Christ.
- ◉ Rely on the Holy Spirit.

Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.

Mark 13:11

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- ◉ With the love and grace of Christ.
- ◉ Rely on the Holy Spirit.
- ◉ With the good news of Christ.

“But before all this, they will lay hands on you and persecute you. They will deliver you to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name. <sup>13</sup> This will result in your being witnesses to them. <sup>14</sup> But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. <sup>15</sup> For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict.

Luke 21:12-15