

Faith From The Inside Out

Persecuted For Christ

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Bottom Line:

One of the greatest signs that true transformation is happening within us is found in the way we respond to those who actively oppose and hurt us. Jesus' response to persecution is not easy but it is His plan.

"PERSECUTION" defined:

The attempt to stop and silence the message of Christ by inflicting mockery, strife, pain, or death on those who believe it.

1. We should not allow persecution to

us! Romans 12:14; 1 Peter 4:12-13; John 15:18-19

A. The _____ of Jesus as
Jesus as

"the Way" offends the world. John 14:6

B. The _____ of Jesus as
"the Truth"

angers the world. John 14:6

C. The _____ of Jesus as
the "LIFE"

exposes the world. John 14:6

Three responses by unbelievers:

- Reject the God that is NOT described in the Bible
- Reject the God that IS described in the Bible
- RECEIVE the God that is the Savior of the world.

2. We

us! Romans 12:14

This truth does NOT mean:

- that we should unnecessarily seek out persecution.

- that we should act foolishly and invite persecution.

3. We should not allow persecution to

us! Romans 12:14

A. *Jesus and following Him is better than this life.*
Psalm 63:3

B. *People are blinded by Satan and this world.* 2
Cor. 4:4

C. *We are to make the most of the opportunities we have
been given.* Eph 5:16

Now What?

1. _____ for the persecuted church.
Phil. 1:12

2. *Defend the persecuted church.*

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3. _____ when you are persecuted,
as you identify with Christ. Acts 5:41

4. Remember that this is not our ultimate home. Phil
3:20

5. _____ God in your
actions.
1 Cor. 10:31

