

Opposition to the Church

*"In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."
— John 16:33b*

Sermon Questions

1. Who are some Christian hero's, whose faith in persecution has been most impactful to you?

2. The world _____ the _____ of Jesus Christ.

3. Christians can expect not to be persecuted if they are obedient (Yes/No).

4. Which of the following is a proper motivation when undergoing persecution?

i. The Christian is earning his eternal inheritance.

ii. The Christian is increasing his pain tolerance.

iii. The Christian is being associated with his Savior.

5. The _____ of _____ creates opposition.

6. It is Christ that men ultimately hate, over and above that of his followers (Yes/No).

7. The _____ of _____ creates opposition.

8. Which of the following represent Peter's intent in declaring the words of verse 12?

i. To assert the doctrine of Christ's heavenly condescension.

ii. To assert the authority of Christ over all.

iii. To encourage these men to oppose other false religions.

9. We should _____ persecution.

10. We must not _____ back from the _____.

11. God will give _____ to his _____ standing for truth.

12. Christ can and _____ grant _____ in our opposition.

Discussion/Meditation Questions

1. As Christians who face opposition in this world, how can we best prepare ourselves now? What other encouragements does the Word of God offer to those suffering for their faith?
2. Do you think there is a need today for those in power to understand their subordination to Jesus? What does it look like for us to assert the authority of Christ over all?
3. What are some reasons that many come to faith in Christ when Christians are persecuted? Provide examples from history and experience.
4. What was your most significant take-away from this passage and sermon? Share this with another brother or sister in the fellowship.

Extras for the Children

What song did you enjoy the most today? _____

What did you learn about God today? _____

What words did you not know today? _____

