

# THE PERSECUTION BIBLE STUDY

1. Throughout Christian history true believers have been persecuted by those who are not followers of Christ. Jesus knew these persecutions would take place and told his followers about what would happen.
  - a. According to Matthew 10:16-18 how are believers being sent out? \_\_\_\_\_  
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What are believers supposed to do? \_\_\_\_\_  
What will happen to Christians from non-Christians? \_\_\_\_\_  
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What is the purpose for these persecutions? \_\_\_\_\_  
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  - b. According to 1 John 3:13 what should we not be surprised about? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Consider what the Bible says about how Christians will be viewed by unbeliever.
  - a. According to Matthew 10:22 what will be the attitude of unbelievers toward Christians? \_\_\_\_\_  
Why do they have this attitude? \_\_\_\_\_  
What are we commanded to do? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. According to Matthew 24:9 who will hate Christians? \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. According to Luke 21:16-17 what will unbelieving family members do to Christian family members? \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. According to John 16:2 what will people think they are doing when they kill Christians? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Consider why Christians are persecuted.
  - a. According to John 15:18-19 why does the world hate Christians? \_\_\_\_\_  
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  - b. According to John 15:21 why do unbelievers treat Christians with contempt? \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. According to 2 Corinthians 2:16 what are Christians to people who don't know Christ and are perishing? \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. According to 2 Timothy 3:12 why do people want to persecute Christians? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Now look at what are some forms of persecution that are predicted.
  - a. According to Acts 8:1 what happened to the believers when they were persecuted? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. According to 2 Corinthians 11:23-28 list ten different forms of persecution that Paul suffered. \_\_\_\_\_  
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  - c. According to 2 Timothy 2:9 what persecution was used? \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. According to Hebrews 11:36-38 what are seven types of persecution believers could face? \_\_\_\_\_

5. What should the response of the believer be to persecution?
  - a. According to Matthew 5:44 what should we do toward people who persecute us? \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. According to Matthew 10:19-20 what will happen for us when we are persecuted? \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. According to Matthew 10:23 what should we do when we are persecuted? \_\_\_\_\_.
  - d. According to Matthew 10:26 what should be our response to those who persecute us? \_\_\_\_\_.
  - e. According to Acts 5:40-42 what was the response of the apostles when they were flogged for their faith? \_\_\_\_\_.
  - f. According to Romans 12:14 what should be our response when we are persecuted? \_\_\_\_\_.
  - g. According to 1 Corinthians 4:12 what do we need to do when we are persecuted? \_\_\_\_\_.
  
6. What will happen if we renounce our faith because of persecution?
  - a. According to Matthew 10:33 what does Jesus say he will do if we disown him because of persecution? \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. According to Matthew 13:21 what happens when persecution comes to a person who is not well rooted in the faith? \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. According to Matthew 24:10 what will happen to many people during times of persecution? \_\_\_\_\_.
  - d. According to Matthew 24:12 what will be the condition of most people that experience persecution? \_\_\_\_\_.
  
7. Many people will stand firm in the faith during times of persecution. Look at what the Lord says about these people.
  - a. According to Matthew 5:10-12 what will there be for those who are persecuted and stand firm? \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. According to Luke 21:18-19 what are two benefits for those who stand up under persecution? \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. According to Hebrews 11:35 what will there be for those who suffered through torture but refused to give in? \_\_\_\_\_.
  - d. According to Revelation 2:10 what will be the reward for those who endure persecution even to the point of death? \_\_\_\_\_.
  
8. According to Acts 21:13 what was Paul ready to do in regard to being persecuted for his faith? \_\_\_\_\_.
  
9. Do you have an example of any time in your life when you stood for Jesus and were persecuted? \_\_\_\_\_.
  
10. What is the message to us if we have never been persecuted for our faith? \_\_\_\_\_.

