

Scripture reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Message: John 15:16-21

I. Persecution

- A. Persecute: to inflict constantly so as to injure or distress
- B. Christians have suffered persecution since the beginning of the church *Acts 8:1-4*
- C. We are to expect persecution *vv. 18, 20*

II. Why the World hates us

- A. Because it hates Jesus *v.18*
- B. Because we are not of the world *v.19*
- C. Their lifestyle is threatened
- D. They do not know Jesus *v.21*

III. Four Stages of Persecution

- A. Social Marginalization
- B. Economic discrimination
- C. Legal discrimination
- D. Violence

IV. What are we to do?

- A. Know your Bible
- B. Know your rights
- C. Be informed and vote
- D. Do not live in Fear *2 Timothy 2:15*

V. In your daily life

- A. Pray for those in authority *1 Timothy 2:1-2*
- B. Listen and be informed *1 Peter 5:8*
- C. Stand up and speak up *1 Peter 3:15-18*

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