

**"Persecution Prep 101"**

A Study Of Acts - Part 2

INTRO: To be witnesses to the uttermost will of necessity run us afoul of the satanic forces, society, and our own sin nature. Persecution will naturally arise to mute our testimony. Yet, like Paul we can stand in the midst of the persecution, and actually see God use that persecution to further our witness.

IV. ...YE SHALL BE WITNESSES UNTO ME IN THE UTTERMOST

13:1 - 28:31

3. The Rome Journey 21:14 - 28:31

(1) At Caesarea - 24:1 - 26:32

3a. Hearing #3 - 25:13 - 26:32

1b. The Prominent Players 25:13-14a

2b. The Perplexing Problem 25:14b-22

3b. The Perfect Providence

4b. The Powerful Proclamation 26:1-24

1c. The Past Before Salvation vv. 1-12

2c. The Process Of Salvation vv. 12-19

3c. The Present Since Salvation vv. 19-24

1d. Commissioned Proclamation 19-20

2d. A Certain Peril 21 & 24

3d. A Continuous Provision 22a

4d. A Confident Persuasion 22b-23

5b. The Possible Persuasions 26:25-32

CONCL: Paul gives us, perhaps, our most complete primer on handling the perils of persecution. He did so with grace and determination, and as such was a powerful witness in the midst of the trials. So can we! Let us study carefully Persecution Prep 101, the Apostolic course on Oppression Outreach!

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**"Hope For The Hurting"**

A Study Of 1 Peter

INTRO: Everywhere you look today you see people hurting. It is a part of our lives. Sometimes the hurt can lead to such despair. But it does not have to do so. Our heavenly Father, through his servant Peter, has given us all the coping devices one could ever need, not to mention many, many good reasons to rejoice instead!

I. THERE IS HOPE IN OUR SALVATION - 1 Peter 1:1-25

II. THERE IS HOPE IN OUR STANDING - 1 Peter 2:1-10

III. THERE IS HOPE IN OUR SUBMISSION - 1 Peter 2:11 - 3:12

IV. THERE IS HOPE IN OUR STAND - 1 Peter 3:13 - 4:6

V. THERE IS HOPE IN OUR SOON DEPARTURE - 4:7-19

VI. THERE IS HOPE IN OUR SHEPHERD - 5:1-14

1. Hope From His Workmen vv.1-4

2. Hope From His Warnings vv. 5-9

3. Hope from his work vv. 10-14

(1) It Unfolding Gains

1a. It Sets Us Right

2a. It Steadies Us

3a. It Strengthens Us

4a. It Stabilizes Us

(2) Its Ultimate Goal

1a. Glory For Him

2a. Grace For Us

CONCL: Dr. R. L. Matthews said it well, "If we knew better the character of God, we would not need the promises of God." We have a Father we can trust, ***no matter what we face in life!***

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