

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS

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PART 16: ARE YOU READY FOR PERSECUTION?

No pastor or evangelist is eager to preach on suffering. Most people do not want to hear such a message and believe this is something that happens to other people but not to them. The suffering in today's message comes from persecution.

REMEMBER YOUR SUFFERING

Paul reminded the Hebrew Christians of their great suffering when they first came to Christ. **Hebrews 10:32-33**

Paul was familiar with suffering; he was told what lay ahead of him from the day he was commissioned by the Holy Spirit to preach the Gospel. **Acts 9:8-16**

While Jesus walked on this earth, He clearly outlined that following Him was going to bring persecution and suffering. **Matthew 10:16-25**

The believer in Christ must learn not to fear persecution. **verses 26-31**

Regardless of the threats, we are not to deny Jesus. **verses 32-33**

The persecution will begin in the homes of believers. **verses 34-39**

LIVE IN THE SUPERNATURAL

Fervent prayer can change the bleakest situation of persecution. **Acts 12:1-17**

Praising God in the direst of circumstances will bring down the power of God. **Acts 16:16-34**

EXPECT PERSECUTION TO INCREASE

Jesus warned that during the tribulation period there will be persecution on a scale never before seen in the world. **Matthew 24:15-22; Revelation 13:4-9; 14:12-13**

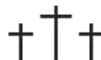
EXHORTATION BY THE APOSTLE PAUL

Despite the hardship experienced by the Hebrew Christians, they still sent physical support to Paul and he thanked them for their kindness. **verse 34**

Paul admonished them not throw away their confidence in Christ. **verse 35**

There is a need for endurance so that we can do the will of God. **verses 36-37**

Make sure that you do not defect from Jesus and his church and become cursed and ruined. **verses 38-39**



Regardless of what you believe, at the end of your life on this earth, you have an appointment at the Judgment Seat of Christ. **2 Corinthians 5:10**

You will be judged by every word you have spoken. **Matthew 12:36-37**

Repentance on this side of eternity will save you from many tears at the Judgment Seat of Christ. **1 John 1:4-10**

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?