

Perspective in Persecution

Different: Part 4

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“If the world hates you, understand that it hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own. However, because you are not of the world, I have chosen you out of it, the world hates you... If the world persecuted Me, they will also persecute you.”

John 15:18-20

Jesus is our _____

Dear friends, don't be surprised when the fiery ordeal comes among you to test you as if something unusual were happening to you.

1 Peter 4:12

Am I on the _____?

Instead, rejoice as you share in the sufferings of the Messiah, so that you may also rejoice with great joy at the revelation of His glory to the world. If you are ridiculed for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.

1 Peter 4:13-14

“These trials make you _____ with Christ” NLT

For many, our most important pursuit is _____



So if you are suffering in a manner that pleases God, keep on doing what is right, and trust your lives to the God who created you, for He will never fail you.

1 Peter 4:19 NLT

**Do the _____ thing
and trust God with the _____**

God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble. Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your care on Him, because He cares about you.

1 Peter 5:5-7

Now the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ Jesus, will personally restore, establish, strengthen and support you after you have suffered a little. The dominion belongs to Him forever. Amen.

1 Peter 5:10-11

Talk About It

- Have you experienced any level of persecution for your faith? Is there anything you wish you did differently?
- Read 1 Peter 5:5-7 again. What are you worried about right now? How can you live out this scripture and give your worries to God?

** All scriptures from HCSB unless otherwise noted*