

Sermon Notes

Title: The Persecuted Church

Text: Hebrews 13:3 “*Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them...*”

Theme: You must obey the command to remember the persecuted church. How?

One: Expect persecution in some form.

Two: Thank God in all things.

Three: Pray for peace and for open doors.






Four: Advance the kingdom of God.

Five: Follow the Shepherd at any cost.

Six: Serve the prisoner; serve Christ.

Seven: Pray for the persecuted believers.

Further Study / Application

- *“They received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so” ~ Acts 17:11*
- Use the following symbols as study tools for any text you approach: a light bulb (something to see), a question mark (something to ask), an arrow (something to do), a Bible (somewhere else to look), & a person (someone to tell).
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- Trace the history of persecution in the book of Acts:
 - Acts 4 – all of it; 5:29, 40-42
 - Acts 7 (the stone of Stephen), esp. 54-60
 - Acts 8:1-3; 9:28-29
 - Acts 12:1-5; 14 all of it, esp note 5, 19, 22
 - Acts 21:27-32
- Review the verse from the affirmation of faith from the worship liturgy. They are all in 1 Peter.

For Life in the Body

- Use this space to write down (1) names to remember, (2) requests for which to pray, or (3) ideas for serving someone in the body.

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