

# Living as a Minority 13: Be Surprised! (Part 2)

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Acts 12:1-25 ; Mt 13:31-33

## Persecution

James is executed and Peter is imprisoned with impending execution.

Christian persecution is any hostility experienced from the world as a result of one's identification as a

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There is Christian persecution throughout the world. This affects us directly.

1 Corinthians tells us that we are all one \_\_\_\_\_ - when one member \_\_\_\_\_, we all \_\_\_\_\_.

It is important that we lift them up in \_\_\_\_\_. We have challenges here too.

Remember, "With \_\_\_\_\_ this is impossible, but with \_\_\_\_\_ all things are possible.

James 5:16, "Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working."

The church prays for Peter and their prayers are answered.

Persecution will come to us.

John 15:20, "Remember the word that I said to you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours."

In times of persecution we turn to the victory of Jesus Christ. Through it we are blessed.

Matthew 5:10-12, <sup>10</sup>"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup>"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

This is where our \_\_\_\_\_ lies.

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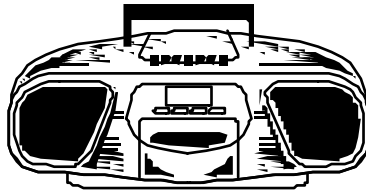
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