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EPH 6:17 AND TAKE...THE SWORD OF THE
SPIRIT WHICH IS THE WORD OF GOD

A CHURCH OF GOD IN WOODSTOCK, ILLINOIS



A photograph of a prison cell. The cell has stone walls and a stone floor. On the left, there are metal bunk beds with white bedding. On the right, there is a toilet. The cell is viewed through vertical metal bars. The word "PERSECUTION" is written in large, red, stylized letters across the center of the image.

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2 Timothy 3:12

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Social shunning/ostracizing (i.e. John 9:22)

Verbal abuse/Public Shaming (i.e. Psalm 69:9)

Incitement of hatred/Mocking (i.e. Luke 23:11)

Threats & Intimidation (i.e. Acts 4:21,29)

Confiscation or destruction of property or possessions. (i.e. Luke 6:30)

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Legal or financial pressures/fines (i.e. Matt 5:40)

Deportation (i.e. Rev 1:9; Acts 18:2)

Kidnapping /Hostage/Ransom

Arrests, Imprisonment (i.e. Mark 6:17)

Physical violence (i.e. Isa 50:6; Acts 14:19)

Execution (many examples)

NOT PERSECUTION

Temptation and appeals to lust or sin

Suffering as a law-breaker

Suffering as a fool or ignorant

**Political, ideological or suffering of
conscience**

God's Chastisement

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OPEN DOORS YOUTH – 9 types of persecution today

- 1) Islamic oppression—
- 2) Religious nationalism--
- 3) Clan oppression –
- 4) Christian denominational protectionism –
- 5) Communist and post-communist oppression --
- 6) Dictatorial paranoia—
- 7) Organised corruption and crime
- 8) Ethno-religious hostility –
- 9) Secular intolerance --

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1 John 3:12 Not as Cain, *who* was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? **Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous.**

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Matthew 10:34-38 Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, **but a sword.** For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. **And a man's foes shall be they of his own household.** He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. **And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me.**

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• John 15:18-21 If **the world** hate you, ye know that it hated me before *it hated you*. If ye were of **the world**, **the world** would love his own: but because ye are **not** of **the world**, but I have chosen you **out of the world**, therefore **the world hateth you**. Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. **If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you**; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. **But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me.**

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John 16:1-4 These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should **not** be offended. They shall **put you out** of the synagogues: yea, **the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service.** And these things will they **do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me.** But these things have I told you, that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them. And these things I said not unto you at the beginning, because I was with you.

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1 Thessalonians 3:3-4 That **no man** should be moved by these afflictions: for yourselves know that we are **appointed thereunto**. For verily, when we were with you, we told you before that **we should suffer tribulation**; even as it came to pass, and ye know.

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2 Timothy 2:23-26 **But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes.** And the servant of the Lord **must not strive;** but be gentle unto all *men*, **apt to teach, patient, In meekness** instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them **repentance** to the acknowledging of the truth; And *that* they may **recover** themselves **out of the snare of the devil**, who are taken captive by him at his will.

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Proverbs 3:5-6 **Trust in the LORD** with all thine heart; and **lean not** unto thine own understanding. **In all thy ways acknowledge him**, and he shall direct thy paths.

Psalms 56:11 **In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.**

Romans 8:31 What shall we then say to these things? **If God be for us, who can be against us?**

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1 Corinthians 10:12-14 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. There hath **no temptation taken you but such as is common** to man: but God *is* faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, **that ye may be able to bear it.** Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry.

1 Peter 2:21-23 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; **but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously:**

1 Peter 4:19 Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls *to him* in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.

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Acts 4:23-25 And being let go, they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them. **And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord,** and said, Lord, thou *art* God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is: Who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things?

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Acts 4:26-28 The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together **against the Lord, and against his Christ. For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed,** both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, **For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done.**

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Acts 4:29-31 And now, **Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word,** By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus. **And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.**

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Peter 5:7-9 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist **stedfast** in the faith, **knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.**

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Psalm 7:1 *Shiggaion of David, which he sang unto the LORD, concerning the words of Cush the Benjamite.*

O LORD my God, in thee do I put my trust: save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me:

Acts 12:5 Peter therefore was kept in prison: but **prayer was made without ceasing** of the church unto God for him.

Acts 12:12 And when he had considered *the thing*, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where **many were gathered together praying**

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Acts 16:24-25 Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks. **And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God:** and the prisoners heard them.

James 5:13 **Is any among you afflicted? let him pray.** Is any merry? let him sing psalms.

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Romans 10:17 So then **faith cometh by hearing**, and hearing **by the word of God**.

1 Peter 3:14-16 **But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled;** But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and *be* ready always to *give* an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you **with meekness and fear:** Having **a good conscience**; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that **falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.**

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1 Corinthians 15:33 Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.

Proverbs 13:20 He that walketh with wise *men* shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.

Proverbs 5:8 Remove thy way far from her, and come not nigh the door of her house:

Proverbs 22:24-25 Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man thou shalt not go: Lest thou learn his ways, and get a snare to thy soul.

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- **2 Corinthians 1:3-5** Blessed *be* God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ.

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Hebrews 10:23-25 Let us hold fast the profession of *our* faith without wavering; (for he *is* faithful that promised;) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is*; but exhorting *one another*: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

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James 5:10 Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for **an example of suffering affliction, and of patience.**

Matthew 5:10-12 **Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake:** for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when *men* shall **revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.** **Rejoice,** and be exceeding glad: for great *is* your reward in heaven: **for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.**

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Acts 5:29 Then Peter and the *other* apostles answered and said, **We ought to obey God rather than men.**

Acts 5:40-42 And to him they agreed: and when they had **called the apostles, and beaten *them*, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus**, and let them go. And they departed from the presence of the council, **rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name. And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.**

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Acts 20:18-20 And when they were come to him, he said unto them, Ye know, from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons, **Serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews:** And how I kept back nothing that was profitable *unto you*, but have shewed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house, **Acts 20:21-24** Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there: Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, **saying that bonds and afflictions abide me. But none of these things move me,** neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

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Hebrews 11:33-40 Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection: And others had trial of *cruel* mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and *in* mountains, and *in* dens and caves of the earth. And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

Hebrews 12:4 Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.

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Luke 6:22-23 Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you *from their company*, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake. Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy: for, behold, your reward *is* great in heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets.

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Hebrews 10:32-34 But call to remembrance the former days, in which, after ye were illuminated, **ye endured a great fight of afflictions; Partly, whilst ye were made a gazingstock both by reproaches and afflictions; and partly, whilst ye became companions of them that were so used.** For ye had compassion of me in my bonds, and took joyfully the spoiling of your goods, **knowing in yourselves that ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance.** **Hebrews 10:35-36** **Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.**

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Revelation 2:10 **Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer:** behold, the devil shall cast *some* of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: **be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.**

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 For which cause **we faint not**; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward *man* is renewed day by day. **For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory; While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen *are* temporal; but the things which are not seen *are* eternal.**

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1 Peter 1:3-7 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again **unto a lively hope** by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation** ready to be revealed in the last time. Wherein ye greatly **rejoice**, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: That **the trial of your faith**, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, **might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:**

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Romans 8:17-18 And if children, then heirs; **heirs of God,** and **joint-heirs with Christ;** if so be that we suffer with **him,** that we may be also glorified together. **For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time *are* not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.**

Matthew 10:28 **And fear not them which kill the body,** but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

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Romans 8:31-35 What shall we then say to these things? **If God be for us, who can be against us?** He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up **for us all**, how shall he not with him also **freely give us all things?** Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? *It is* God that justifieth. *Who is* he that condemneth? *It is* Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, **who also maketh intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?** *shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

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Romans 8:36-39 As it is written, **For thy sake we are killed all the day long;** we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are **more than conquerors through him that loved us.** For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, **shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

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