

ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.” (John 15:18–19)

“Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.” (2 Timothy 3:12)

“Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: ¹³ But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ’s sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.” (1 Peter 4:12–13)

B. A Perfect _____

“For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: ²² Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: ²³ Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously:” (1 Peter 2:21–23)

5. An Unexpected _____

A. A Difficult _____

“And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: ³⁷ 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;” (Hebrews 11:36–37)

B. A Divine _____ (Acts 11:19–26)

“Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. ² As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. ³ And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.” (Acts 13:1–3)

Conclusion



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“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. ² For by it the elders obtained a good report.” (Hebrews 11:1–2)

Introduction

“Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment.” (Ecclesiastes 11:9)

“For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.” (Ecclesiastes 12:14)

“Every man’s work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man’s work of what sort it is.” (1 Corinthians 3:13)

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.” (2 Corinthians 5:10)

1. An Unreached _____

A. The Father’s _____

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16)

“The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.” (2 Peter 3:9)

“For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;” (1 Timothy 2:3)

B. The Son's _____

*"For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."
(Luke 19:10)*

*"Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me,
and to finish his work." (John 4:34)*

*"For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but
that the world through him might be saved." (John 3:17)*

"I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." (Luke 5:32)

C. The Church's _____

*"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the
Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: ²⁰ Teaching them to observe
all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you
always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." (Matthew 28:19-20)*

*"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel
to every creature." (Mark 16:15)*

*"Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech
you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God."
(2 Corinthians 5:20)*

*"Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this
life." (Acts 5:20)*

2. The Unrealized _____

A. A _____ Team

*"And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and
said, (the number of names together were about an hundred and
twenty,)" (Acts 1:15)*

*"Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but
the labourers are few;" (Matthew 9:37)*

B. A _____ Task

*"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you:
and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea,
and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." (Acts 1:8)*

*"And Jesus looking upon them saith, With men it is impossible, but
not with God: for with God all things are possible." (Mark 10:27)*

3. An Untiring _____

A. They Were Evangelistic in _____.

*"Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ
unto them." (Acts 8:5)*

*"And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the
Son of God." (Acts 9:20)*

*"And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have
shewed you, and have taught you publickly, and from house to house,
²¹ Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance
toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." (Acts 20:20-21)*

B. They Were Edifying in _____.

*"And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship,
and in breaking of bread, and in prayers." (Acts 2:42)*

*"And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and
some, pastors and teachers; ¹² For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of
the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:" (Ephesians 4:11-12)*

C. They Were Ever in _____.

*"These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the
women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren." (Acts 1:14)*

*"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:" (Acts 4:24)*

*"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." (Acts 12:12)*

*"Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that
ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man
availeth much." (James 5:16)*

4. An Unfathomable _____

A. A Promised _____

*"If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you.
¹⁹ If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because*