



#13 - WHAT TO DO WHEN THE WORLD DOESN'T LIKE US ANY MORE? - Part 1

Day after day they met as a group in the Temple, and they had their meals together in their homes, eating with glad and humble hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God, and enjoying the good will of all the people. And every day the Lord added to their group those who were being saved. **Acts 2:46-47**(TLB)

The priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to Peter and John while they were speaking to the people. ²They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people, proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead. ³They seized Peter and John and, because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day. **Acts 4:1-3** (NIV)

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I _____ WHY AND RESPOND _____.

Count it a blessing when you suffer for being a Christian. This shows that God's glorious Spirit is with you. ¹⁵ But you deserve to suffer if you are a murderer, a thief, a crook, or a busybody. **1 Peter 4:14-15** (CEV)

- **I may be disliked because of my _____.**
The correct response when hypocritical is _____.
- **It may be disliked because of my _____.**

Now those “friends” think it’s strange that you no longer join them in the wild and wasteful things they do. And they say bad things about you. **1 Peter 4:4** (ERV)

My decisive response when consistent is _____.

Are we being put on trial today for doing an act of kindness by healing a frail, crippled man? Well then, ¹⁰ you and everyone else in Israel should know that it is by the power of the name of Jesus that the crippled man stands here today completely healed! You crucified Jesus Christ of Nazareth, but God raised him from the dead. **Acts 4:9-10**

We Christians have the unmistakable “scent” of Christ, discernible alike to those who are being saved and to those who are heading for death. To the latter it seems like the very smell of doom, to the former it has the fresh fragrance of life itself. **2 Corinthians 2:15-16** (Phillips)

Even if you suffer for doing what is right, you will receive a blessing. Don't let them frighten you. Don't be intimidated, but exalt Him as Lord in your

heart. Always be ready to offer a defense, humbly and respectfully... Keep your conscience clear so that those who ridicule your good conduct ...and say bad things about you will be put to shame. **1 Peter 3:14, 16a** (Voice)

Peter _____ Jesus as the _____ authority in all he said and did.

...they called the apostles back in and commanded them never again to speak or teach in the name of Jesus. ¹⁹ But Peter and John replied, “Do you think God wants us to obey you rather than him? ²⁰ We cannot stop telling about everything we have seen and heard.” **Acts 4:18-20** (NLT)

As a follower of Christ, I engage a hostile culture as I persistently remember ...

- **It is under the authority of Jesus that I do _____.**

The lame man looked at them eagerly, expecting some money. ⁶ But Peter said, “I don't have any silver or gold for you. But I'll give you what I have. **In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!**” ... ⁸ He jumped up, stood on his feet, and began to walk! Then, walking, leaping, and praising God, he went into the Temple with them. **Acts 3:5-6, 8** (NLT)

- **It is under the authority of Jesus that I _____.**

Peter saw his opportunity and addressed the crowd. “People of Israel...what is so surprising about this? And why stare at us as though we had made this man walk by our own power or godliness? ¹³ For it is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—the God of all our ancestors—who has brought glory to his servant Jesus by doing this. **Acts 3:12-13** (NLT)

- **It is under the authority of Jesus that I _____.**

This is the same Jesus whom you handed over and rejected before Pilate, despite his decision to release him. ¹⁴ You rejected this holy, righteous one and instead demanded the release of a murderer. ¹⁵ You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. And we are witnesses of this fact! **Acts 3:12-15** (NLT)

- **It is under the authority of Jesus _____, that I _____ salvation.**

Friends, I realize that what you and your leaders did to Jesus was done in ignorance. ¹⁸ God was fulfilling what all the prophets had foretold about the Messiah—that he must suffer these things. ¹⁹ Now repent of your sins and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away. ²⁰ Then times of refreshment will come from the presence of the Lord, and he will again send you Jesus, your appointed Messiah. **Acts 3:17-20** (NLT)

There is no one else who has the power to save us, for there is only one name to whom God has given authority by which we must experience salvation: the name of Jesus.” **Acts 4:12**