

BODY OF CHRIST **PERSECUTED**

2012 International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church

{Sunday, November 4, 2012 A.D.}

Hebrews 13:3 (NASB95)

³Remember the prisoners, **as though in prison with them**, and those who are ill-treated, since you yourselves also are in the body.

Revelation 3:21-22 (NASB95)

²¹He who **overcomes**, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, **as I also overcame** and sat down with My Father on His throne. ²²He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

Revelation 12:11 (NASB95)

¹¹"And they **overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death.**

Revelation 6:9-11 (NASB95)

⁹When the Lamb broke the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar **the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God, and because of the testimony which they had maintained;** ¹⁰and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, will You refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" ¹¹And there was given to each of them a white robe; and they were told that they should rest for a little while longer, **until the number of their fellow servants and their brethren who were to be killed even as they had been, would be completed also.**

Acts 20:28 (NASB95)

²⁸"Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to **shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.**

Rev 19:7-8 (NASB95)

"Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the **marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready.**" ⁸It was given to her to **clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.**

Acts 9:3-5 (NASB95)

³As he was traveling, it happened that he was approaching Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him; ⁴and he fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, **why are you persecuting Me?**" ⁵And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" And He *said*, "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting,

Matthew 5:10-12 (NASB95)

¹⁰"**Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness**, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when *people* insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me.

¹²"Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Matthew 5:43-48 (NASB95)

⁴³"You have heard that it was said, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR and hate your enemy.'⁴⁴ "But I say to you, **love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,** ⁴⁵so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on *the* evil and *the* good, and sends rain on *the* righteous and *the* unrighteous. ⁴⁶"For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷"If you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing *than others*? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸"**Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.**

Luke 21:12-19 (NASB95)

¹²"But before all these things, they will **lay their hands on you and will persecute you, delivering you to the synagogues and prisons, bringing you before kings and governors for My name's sake.** ¹³"It will lead to an opportunity for your testimony.

¹⁴"So make up your minds not to prepare beforehand to defend yourselves; ¹⁵for I will give you utterance and wisdom which none of your opponents will be able to resist or refute. ¹⁶"**But you will be betrayed even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death,** ¹⁷and you will be hated by all because of My name. ¹⁸"Yet not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹"By your endurance you will gain your lives.

John 15:18-21 (NASB95)

¹⁸ "If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before *it hated* you. ¹⁹ "If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, because of this the world hates you. ²⁰ "Remember the word that I said to you, 'A slave is not greater than his master.' **If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you**; if they kept My word, they will keep yours also. ²¹ "But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know the One who sent Me.

Romans 12:10-15 (NASB95)

¹⁰ **Be devoted to one another in brotherly love**; give preference to one another in honor; ¹¹ not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; ¹² rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, **devoted to prayer**, ¹³ contributing to the needs of the saints practicing hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ **Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.**

2 Corinthians 4:6-11 (NASB95)

⁶ For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts **to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.**

⁷ But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves;

⁸ **we are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing; ⁹ persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰ always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. ¹¹ For we who live are constantly being delivered over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.**

2 Timothy 3:12 (NASB95)

¹² **Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.**

Ephesians 6:18-20 (NASB95)

¹⁸ With all prayer and petition **pray at all times in the Spirit**, and with this in view, be **on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints**, ¹⁹ and *pray* on my behalf, **that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel**, ²⁰ for which I am an **ambassador in chains**; that in *proclaiming* it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

Hebrews 11:1-40 (NASB95)

¹ **Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² For by it the men of old gained approval.**

³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible. ⁴ By faith Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained the testimony that he was righteous, God testifying about his gifts, and through faith, though he is dead, he still speaks.

Enoch
Noah
Abraham
Sarah
Isaac
Joseph
Moses

³² And what more shall I say? For time will fail me if I tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³ **who by faith conquered kingdoms, performed acts of righteousness, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵ Women received back their dead by resurrection; and others were tortured, not accepting their release, so that they might obtain a better resurrection; ³⁶ and others experienced mockings and scourgings, yes, also chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were put to death with the sword; they went about in sheepskins, in goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, ill-treated ³⁸ (*men of whom the world was not worthy*), wandering in deserts and mountains and caves and holes in the ground.**

³⁹ And all these, **having gained approval through their faith**, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ because God had provided something better for us, so that **apart from us they would not be made perfect.**