



Ecclesia – Week 4  
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**"Persecution is Par for The Course"**

The church was ...

\_\_\_\_\_ in Persecution

*Acts 8:1-4 NLT*

*[1] Saul was one of the witnesses, and he agreed completely with the killing of Stephen. A great wave of persecution began that day, sweeping over the church in Jerusalem; and all the believers except the apostles were scattered through the regions of Judea and Samaria. [2] (Some devout men came and buried Stephen with great mourning.) [3] But Saul was going everywhere to destroy the church. He went from house to house, dragging out both men and women to throw them into prison. [4] But the believers who were scattered preached the Good News about Jesus wherever they went.*

The church is ...

\_\_\_\_\_ in Persecution

*Romans 5:3-4 NLT*

*[3] We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. [4] And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation.*

The church will ...

\_\_\_\_\_ i.n Persecution

*Revelation 3:10-12 NLT*

*[10] "Because you have obeyed my command to persevere, I will protect you from the great time of testing that will come upon the whole world to test those who belong to this world. [11] I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take away your crown. [12] All who are victorious will become pillars in the Temple of my God, and they will never have to leave it. And I will write on them the name of my God, and they will be citizens in the city of my God-the new Jerusalem that comes down from heaven from my God. And I will also write on them my new name.*

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