

NO ROSE GARDEN
John 15:18-16:4

INTRODUCTION

Jesus told His disciples to expect trouble and persecution from the world as we follow Him.

I. THE CERTAINTY OF PERSECUTION

- A. CERTAIN BECAUSE JESUS PREDICTED IT
- B. CERTAIN BECAUSE OF OUR IDENTITY WITH JESUS
- C. CERTAIN BECAUSE OF THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE WORLD AND THE CHURCH

II. THE DIRECTION OF PERSECUTION

- A. RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION
- B. ECONOMIC PERSECUTION
- C. PERSONAL PERSECUTION

III. THE WAY TO FACE PERSECUTION

- A. REJOICE IN IT
- B. BE STRENGTHENED BY IT

CONCLUSION

Persecution and opposition has never stopped the church. It will not destroy the church today.