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How did early Christians live under hostile regimes who threatened to persecute and even kill them?

They lived counter-culturally. They imitated Jesus.

We know this from the writings of the New Testament and also the writings of Christian martyrs who died for their faith. Ignatius of Antioch was one such person. He was martyred under the reign of Trajan (98-117 A.D.). He wrote seven letters on the way to his death.

What advice does a person give on their way to the Colosseum in Rome to be martyred?

"Pray continually for the rest of humankind as well, that they may find God, for there is in them hope for repentance. Therefore, allow them to be instructed by you, at least by your deeds. In response to their anger, be gentle; in response to their boasts, be humble; in response to their slander, offer prayers; in response to their errors, be steadfast in the faith; in response to their cruelty, be civilized; do not be eager to imitate them. Let us show by our forbearance that we are their brothers and sisters, and let us be eager to be imitators of the Lord." - Ignatius, Epistle of Ignatius to the Ephesians

- Scott Elliott

"Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous."

Matthew 5:44-45

*Just a
thought...*

Ecclesiastes 7:14 - "When times are good, be happy; but when times are bad, consider this: God has made the one as well as the other."

Acts Chapter 4 Study Questions

1. Who arrested Peter and John? Why?
2. What did the Sadducees believe about resurrection?
3. How long do you think Peter had been preaching?
4. Did they arrest the healed man as well?
5. What did the rulers want to know?
6. How were Peter and John described?
7. What caused the rulers to believe they had been with Jesus?
8. What were the ruler afraid of?
9. What was Peters response? Should ours be the same?
10. What did the disciples pray for?
11. Describe how the early church looked and operated.

The church was created on the day of Pentecost. It was spoken of by Jesus. In Acts we see how we enter into the Kingdom. The gifts that we receive when we chose Jesus and submit to Him through baptism, when we share in His death, burial, and resurrection. We become His possession. In Chapter 4 Luke tells us of a lame man at the gate called beautiful. How he is restored and how the crowd reacted. We learn about the rulers' views of the disciples and of the early church. More than that we learn about the heart of the early disciples. When they are challenged, they chose God and rather than ask for comfort from the persecution, they ask for boldness to keep speaking for God. May we have the same prayer. Please join us as we look deeper into Acts.

Our Prayer List

- Rick Velasco has requested prayers for his friend Rod's dad who doesn't have long to live. Please pray for the family.
- Rick Valesco would like prayers for his friend, Andrew White for his home situation.
- As of January 21st, Linda Fry is now at home. She is on chemo and her pain is under control. She will go tomorrow for more labs to see if she can tolerate the chemo again on Friday. As always, they appreciate all the prayers.
- Prayers for Covid healing for Sandi Warner's son Michael and protection for the family from Covid.
- Karen Taylor's son Aaron and his family have all come down with Covid.
- Pray that Bonnie's daughter Penny wasn't exposed to Covid. She will have a test tomorrow. If so, she will have to stay somewhere as she isn't able to be around her husband Tony, who isn't well and cannot get Covid because of his medical condition. Pray for them please.
- Joseph Beigler's father recently passed away from cancer. Please lift him and his father's family up in your prayers.
- Tammy White will be having a CT scan on Wednesday, the 19th as a check up on her brain tumor.
- Sharon McDaniel will meet with her doctor on Jan 25th to go over the results from her camera swallow test.
- Nancy Armenta will have surgery on March 22nd to remove a stage 3 cancerous cyst on her kidney to prevent it from spreading any further.
- Karen Taylor's friend JC Pate has stage 4 cancer in his throat, lungs and liver. Keep JC and his family in your prayers.
- Carol Henry Smith's son Steve treatment for his cancer.
- Jon Powless received the results of his biopsy. It is cancer. He has an appointment on January 20 with ENT/Otolaryngology to determine the next step.
- Continued prayers for René Powless and her sister Kay over the passing of their mother. Cards may be sent to the family at: René Powless, 6870 SW Old Clifton Rd, Port Orchard, WA 98367.
- Pray for Bonnie's son-in-law Tony, who will have a procedure to hopefully input a stent where there is a blockage.
- Our medical personnel and also first responders and all they are dealing with because of the problems associated with Covid.
- Our nation and leaders. Port Orchard Church of Christ and our deacons, our leadership team and brothers and sisters.
- Pray for those who experience feelings of anxiety, stress and even depression loss of jobs normally and additionally from Covid.
- Praise to God for all he provides to care for our needs.

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- Weekly Bulletin – Click on **Bulletin & Newsletters**
- Current newsletters from Trent Herbert, Tristen Herbert and Roy Merritt. Click on **Bulletin & Newsletters**
- Live stream of worship services on YouTube Channel - Previous recordings, too:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAkOYw7JOR9ZIQ then click on the video.
 Please subscribe to be notified when new videos post or when we go live.
- Pre-Covid audio sermons are also still online – Click on **Teachings**
- Current Event Calendar - Click on **News & Events**

Sunday Worship for JANUARY 30, 2022 (10:30 am – 12:00 – noon) (Children are dismissed after communion for Children’s Church) Watch live stream or after our worship time: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAkOYw7JOR9ZIQ				
Speaker: Trent Herbert	Singing: Jon Powless	Scripture: Trent Herbert	Prayer: Bob McDaniel	Communion: Jim Snead
9:30am Adult Class: Auditorium Jim Snead / Trent Herbert / Brad Orser		Children Class: Downstairs Combined Class		
Call Laura Fry or the Church Office (360-876-2604) for Zoom Meeting ID				
Acts Class (Zoom) Sundays: 6:00 – 7:00 pm		Prayer Meeting (Zoom) Wednesdays: 5:00 pm		
Men’s Fellowship Downstairs Fellowship Room Tuesday, 10:00 am		Ladies Prayer Group (Zoom) Tuesdays: 10:00 am		

Communion and Tithes & Offerings

We are meeting inside the building, but we are still not passing trays row by row. Be sure to pick up your communion supplies as you enter the auditorium. It contains both the juice and the bread.

There are a few options for giving your tithes & offerings:

- 1) The collection box is in the foyer at the entrance to the auditorium.
- 2) Online bill-pay with your bank or credit union. Your bank will mail your check for you.
- 3) Mail your tithe/offering check directly to the Church address. We have a lock mailbox.

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If you have any questions, please give me a call. God bless you. Gary Chasteen (cell) 360-731-4104	

Happy Birthday!

January: Tammy White – 29, Myron David – 30

February: Christopher Hill – 7, Melvin Byrd – 9, Terri [Hall] Whallon - 9, Zari Keagle – 9, Deloris Lawler – 9, Jason Hall – 20

I Know Who Holds Tomorrow

#463 in our hymnal

Verse 1

I don't know about tomorrow
I just live from day to day
I don't borrow from its sunshine
For its skies may turn to gray
I don't worry o'er the future
For I know what Jesus said
And today I'll walk beside Him
For He knows what is ahead

Chorus

Many things about tomorrow
I don't seem to understand
But I know who holds tomorrow
And I know who holds my hand

Verse 2

(These words are in the songbook,
but they are not in the recording.)

Ev'ry step is getting brighter
As the golden stairs I climb
Ev'ry burden's getting lighter
Ev'ry cloud is silver-lined
There the sun is always shining
There no tear will dim the eye
At the ending of the rainbow
Where the mountains touch the sky
(chorus)

Verse 3

I don't know about tomorrow
It may bring me poverty
But the One who feeds the sparrow
Is the One who stands by me
And the path that is my portion
May be through the flame or flood
But His presence goes before me
And I'm covered with His blood
(chorus 2x)



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d1puNvGPFiM>

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