

REDEMPTION CHURCH OF CHRIST OF THE APOSTOLIC FAITH



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Thank you for visiting us today at Redemption Church of Christ! We pray you will enjoy the service. We know that there are no mistakes with God.

Ask Him for guidance in your life, and allow Him to speak to you this morning through the Word of God.

*If you have any questions, feel free to ask!
Elder and Sis. Massey*

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Expect Opposition--Part 1

by Elder John Massey, Jr.

For Christians, opposition is a way of life. If you do not have opposition in your life, what are you doing for Christ? "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution" (II Timothy 3:12). Suffering and persecution are inevitable components of a Christian's life. Speaking of the Apostle Paul, the Lord said, "Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake" (Acts 9:15-16). The Lamb's apostles held Paul in esteem because of how he allowed God to transform him. Paul did exploits through God's grace: "But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me" (I Corinthians 15:10).

Paul allowed God's grace to transform him. If you do not like what you are, allow God's grace to transform you. "And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me" (Luke 9:23). The cross symbolizes suffering. How often do we need to carry our cross? Daily. Based on this Scripture, what should you be doing for God?

Even though we all have our cross to bear, the Lord is there to help us. "Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all" (Psalm 34:19). "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD" (Isaiah 54:17). A weapon or tongue is mentioned because as a Christian, you will face opposition.

A Christian recovers from a fall every time. "For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again: but the wicked shall fall into mischief" (Proverb 24:16). As Christians, expect opposition. "As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter" (Romans 8:36). Adversity is not something out of the ordinary. "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy" (I Peter 4:12-13).

This verse was written by the Apostle Peter who felt so unworthy to be crucified in the same manner as Christ that he requested to be crucified upside down.

When the Apostles were beaten and threatened they were "rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name" (Acts 5:41). "If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us" (II Timothy 2:12). "We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed" (II Corinthians 4:8-9). Adversity does not cause a Christian to break down and fall apart. You may get to the point where you do not know what to do, but you should never get to the point where adversity makes you hopeless and destroys your faith. Just because you have adversity, does not mean that the Lord has left you.

What is happening when you are being opposed? "Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body" (II Corinthians 4:10). Opposition and adversity are intended to make us more like Him. How should we handle this opposition? "I die daily" (I Corinthians 15:31). The things that I used to say, I no longer say. The things that I used to think, I no longer think. The things that I used to do, I no longer do. "For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day"(II Corinthians 4:16). Things are not getting worse; they are getting better. "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28).

--Part 2 next week

Schedule of Services

Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship 12:30 p.m.

Monday Women of Faith/Men of Honor 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Class 7:00 p.m.

Friday End Time Prophecy Conference 7:00 p.m.

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