

Acts # 77

“It Was the Religious, not the Rowdy, who Attacked God’s Apostle” Part 2

Acts 18:12-28

The challenges we face are either internal from our own sin nature, external from Satan’s world system or a combination of both.

These challenges are basically related to how we handle life and whether we respond with impersonal, unconditional love or react with arrogant self-centered hatred.

The Word of God constantly warns us about the challenge of the world’s enticement for us to become slaves to the details

of our lives; such as our friends, family, money, health, job, hobbies, others, circumstances as well as things.

Constant negative reaction to biblical truth destroys our capacity for any satisfaction from the details of life and that leads to boredom followed by frustration and then slavery to the details of life, as well as emotional revolt of the soul.

Jesus Christ suffered more than any other human being but did the Lord Jesus Christ suffer for who He was or who we are?

Our forgiveness stems from the death of Jesus Christ, who as Perfect God became the only Perfect man in one Person and died to pay for our sin.

He had to die for us but why did He have to suffer so much before He died?

The Roman soldiers were then given the task of crucifying the Son of God; yes for who He was but also for who we are, according to the will of God.

But our Lord’s physical suffering certainly does benefit us as we face persecution.

The early church suffered greatly after Jesus' resurrection, ascension and session; as Christians were stoned, ripped apart by lions, used as human torches and crucified, themselves.

Every Christian martyr would undoubtedly reflect on his Savior’s experience of horrible physical suffering.

Knowing that Jesus Christ willingly faced such vicious treatment would have given them strength to face their own persecution.

Just as Jesus suffered undeservedly, all who follow Him will also suffer undeservedly.

The world is filled with Godless systems which seek to destroy the integrity and honor of people.

Godless systems always have their victims and if we’re living a life of faith, we will be the victims of a satanically motivated system sooner or later.

Organizations become corrupt when their leadership is influenced from involvement in Satan’s world system.

When a nation’s judicial system has judges who are psychologists or social workers rather than interpreters the law; they favor criminals and ignore victims.

Many people become bitter and therefore, uninterested in the Word of God simply because someone they love becomes

the victim of these things.