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## TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

THE ONGOING WORK OF JESUS BY THE SPIRIT THROUGH THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

The Book of Acts - Part 9

**“EVEN IN SUFFERING”**

**“An Unmistakable & Unshakable Confidence”**

(Acts 4:23-31)

### INTRODUCTION:

#### PREVIOUSLY... THE BEGINNING OF OPPOSITION (ACTS 4:1-22)

“According to my earnest expectation and hope, that I will not be put to shame in anything, but that **with all boldness**, Christ will even now, as always, be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.”

—Philippians 1:20

1. Persecution shouldn't **shock** us. If we walk in the **steps** of Christ, we can **certainly expect** it.

“...**do not be surprised** at the fiery ordeal among you,...”

—1 Peter 4:12

2. Persecution shouldn't **shake** us. If we walk in the **strength** of Christ, we can **confidently endure** it.

“...when you do what is right and suffer for it you **patiently endure it**,...”

—1 Peter 2:20

#### 1A. THE \_\_\_\_\_ THE CHURCH: (v. 23)

“When they had been released, they went to their own companions and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them.”

#### 2A. THE \_\_\_\_\_ THE CHURCH: (v. 24-30)

“And when they heard this, they lifted their voices to God with one accord and said,...”

- The Importance of \_\_\_\_\_ in **Supplication**.

1B. They Prayed in Harmony with the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. (v. 24b-28)

“O Lord, it is You who MADE THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH AND THE SEA,  
AND ALL THAT IS IN THEM,

<sup>25</sup> who by the Holy Spirit, through the mouth of our father David Your servant, said,  
‘WHY DID THE GENTILES RAGE,  
AND THE PEOPLES DEVISE FUTILE THINGS?

<sup>26</sup> ‘THE KINGS OF THE EARTH TOOK THEIR STAND,  
AND THE RULERS WERE GATHERED TOGETHER  
AGAINST THE LORD AND AGAINST HIS CHRIST.’

<sup>27</sup> For truly in this city there were gathered together against Your holy servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, <sup>28</sup> to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose predestined to occur.”

• You are \_\_\_\_\_, even in \_\_\_\_\_. So we \_\_\_\_\_ You.

2B. They Prayed in Harmony with the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. (v. 29-30)

“And now, Lord, take note of their threats, and grant that Your bond-servants may speak Your word with all confidence, <sup>30</sup> while You extend Your hand to heal, and signs and wonders take place through the name of Your holy servant Jesus.”

• You are \_\_\_\_\_, in every \_\_\_\_\_. So we \_\_\_\_\_ You.

3A. THE \_\_\_\_\_ THE CHURCH: (v. 31)

“And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God with boldness.”

CONCLUSION: