

I. Persecution [1-5]

- a. There was persecution against those who belonged to the church [1]
- Acts 8:1
- b. There was persecution against the leaders of the church [1-4]
- Acts 1:8
- c. There will always be persecution against the church of Jesus Christ [1]
- Ephesians 6:12

II. God's work in the midst of persecution [6-25]

- a. God works in ways that we may not want [2]
- *Implication: Trust in the Lord*
- b. God works according to his time [6]
- *Implication: Patiently persevere*
- c. God works in ways that we may not understand [6-10]
- *Implication: Do not limit God to your understanding*
- d. God works through our obedience [7-11]
- *Implication: Obey God*
- e. God works through prayer (pray earnestly, pray together, pray expectantly) [12-17]
- *Implication: Pray*
- f. God works for His Glory [18-23]
- *Implication: Live for God's Glory*
- g. God works through His Word [24-25]
- *Implication: Be committed to God's Word*

Conclusion

Luke 6:22-23