



1. Expect _____

(vv.8-9)

Luke 12:8 “And I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before men, the Son of Man also will acknowledge before the angels of God, **9** but the one who denies me before men will be denied before the angels of God. **10** And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but the one who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven.

2. Remember _____

(v.10)

11 And when they bring you before the synagogues and the rulers and the authorities, do not be anxious about how you should defend yourself or what you should say, **12** for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say.” (ESV)

3. Be _____

(vv.11-12)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others. For more information about small groups at Compass Bible Church that utilize these questions as the basis for their weekly discussion, please call the church office at (949) 540-0699 or email us at SmallGroups@CompassChurch.org.

1. Read **2 Timothy 3:12-13**. How would you respond to Christians who feel nothing but fear when they read this verse?
2. Read **2 Timothy 4:14-18**. What encouragement do you derive from this testimonial of Paul, keeping in mind that he was not exempt from serious persecution and even martyrdom?
3. Read **1 Peter 1:6-7**. How does this passage help put times of "testing" in perspective for you?
4. Read **2 Thessalonians 1:5-12**. Why do you imagine it was important for Paul to remind the persecuted Thessalonian Christians of the fate of their persecutors?
5. Read **1 Peter 5:6-11**. How does empathy for the struggles of Christians around the world adjust your perspective on what you face for being a Christian in our society?

This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

December 6th
Dan.7-8 & 1Jn.5

December 7th
Dan.9-10 & 2Jn.

December 8th
Dan.11-12 & 3Jn.

December 9th
Hos.1-4 & Jude

December 10th
Hos.5-8 & Rev.1

December 11th
Hos.9-11 & Rev.2

December 12th
Hos.12-14 & Rev.3

December 13th
Joel 1-3 & Rev.4

The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. 13-38 – **When You're Ridiculed for Christ**

Msg. 15-03 – **When You've Been Rejected**

Msg. 08-21 – **Gospel Crazy: Unashamed of Its Reproach**

Msg. 12-42 – **Simeon on the Polarizing Effect of Jesus Christ**

Msg. 11-09 – **Empathy for God's Embattled People**

Msg. 05-63 – **Ashamed? Getting Over Our Feelings to Share the Good News**

Msg. 12-14 – **Forecast for a Rebellious World**

This Week's Social Media Hashtag

#FEARandfears

For users of Twitter, Facebook, or other social media sites for the grouping of sermon quotes, helpful insights, or your sharable applications drawn from today's sermon.

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Carson, D. A. **Telling the Truth: Evangelizing Postmoderns**. Zondervan, 2000.

Edwards, Jonathan. **Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God & Pardon for the Greatest of Sinners**. Barbour, 1998.

Foxe, John. **Foxe's Book of Martyrs**. The John C. Winston Co., 1926.

Hefley, James and Marti. **By Their Blood: Christian Martyrs of the 20th Century**. Baker Books, 1996.

Lawson, Steve. **The Unwavering Resolve of Jonathan Edwards**. Reformation Trust, 2008.

Lloyd-Jones, Martyn. **A Life of Joy and Peace: An Exposition of Philippians**. Baker Books, 1995.

Lutzer, Erwin. **Your Eternal Reward: Triumph and Tears at the Judgment Seat of Christ**. Moody Press, 1998.

McKeehan, Toby and Mark Heimermann. **Jesus Freaks: Stories of Those Who Stood for Jesus**. Albury Publishing, 1999.

_____. **Jesus Freaks Volume 2: Stories of Revolutionaries Who Changed Their World**. Bethany House, 2002.

Sproul, R. C. **Surprised by Suffering: The Role of Pain and Death in the Christian Life**. Reformation Trust, 2009.

St. James, Rebecca. **Sister Freaks: Stories of Women Who Gave Up Everything for God**. FaithWords, 2005

Tada, Joni Eareckson. **Heaven: Your Real Home**. Zondervan, 1997.

Water, Mark, ed. **The New Encyclopedia of Christian Martyrs**. Baker Books, 2001.

Watson, Thomas. **The Art of Divine Contentment**. Soli Deo Gloria Publications, 1653 (reprint, 1998).

Zacharias, Ravi. **Jesus Among Other Gods: The Absolute Claims of the Christian Message**. Word Publishing, 2000.