

**THESE LAST DAYS . . .
PREPARING, STANDING, AND BEING CONFIDENT**

The Persecuted Church

Mark 13:9-13

The Church _____ Faced Persecution

Some Reasons For Persecution

**IN THE WEST, WE ARE MOVING FROM A TIME OF _____ -
CHRISTIAN SOCIETY TO AN _____-CHRISTIAN SOCIETY.**

Five Stages of How Persecution Progresses

1. _____ a target group so that they are seen as different than the norm.
2. _____ the target group of being harmful to others.
3. _____ the group's influence from public to private domains.
4. _____ the target group or their practices.
5. _____ the target group unrestrained.

Two Christian Convictions That Enrage the Godless

1. Salvation found _____ in Jesus
2. Obedience is the only right response to Christ's _____ authority.

Jesus' Promise/Warning and Our Response Mark 13:9-13

- "Be on guard" is a forceful _____ and _____.
- Persecution will be widespread because of hatred for Jesus, and will even divide _____.
- Stand strong in suffering because we _____ been (justification), _____ being (sanctification) and ultimately _____ be (glorification) saved.