

Sermon Notes
City on a Hill: Romans 12
“Dealing with Enemies” – Romans 12:14

I. Introduction

- A. Text: Romans 12:14
- B. In regards to those who persecute you, take the additional step of blessing them.

- 1. MacArthur

- C. Is persecution inevitable? – Yes!

- 1. John 15:18-21; 16:1-2

- 2. The world hates Christians for three reasons:

- a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____

- D. Jesus’ command in the face of persecution

- 1. In regard to opposition:
Luke 6:27-28; Matthew 5:43-48

- E. How do we practically do what Jesus commands?

- 1. When someone injures you, how do you respond graciously?

- a. Answers:

II. Jesus’ example

- A. Isaiah 53

- B. Correspondence from Peter

- 1. I Peter 2:21-25

- 2. I Peter 3:8-9

- 3. I Peter 2:21

- 4. Important: Note the difference between Christ’s . . .

- a. Passive obedience

- b. Active obedience

- c. Wayne Gruden

- 1. Hebrews 12:2-4

- 2. Philippians 3:10

- C. Jesus’ example and guardian of our souls

- 1. I Peter 2:25

- 2. Jesus as guardian

- 3. How did the disciples respond to persecution?

- a. Acts 4:40-42

III. Here is how we apply this passage.

- A. Young people – be gracious even when those around you are cruel.

- B. Husbands/wives – be gracious at all times even when you perceive your spouse is attacking you in some way, shape or form.

- C. Workers outside the home – be gracious to those around you when you perceive others want to diminish you, your work, or your faith.

- D. Parents and kids – be gracious to one another. Kids, remember parents are in authority and you are not. Do not cop an attitude. Parents, do not retaliate against rebellion. Respond to it, but do not discipline out of anger.