



Wearing the Name

Acts 11:26

1. The World _____ Them

There was no mistaking who the church of Antioch belonged to. Their actions and disposition set the apart from the rest of society, removing any uncertainty that they belonged to Jesus Christ.

I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ.
~ Philippians 1:12-13

2. The World _____ Them

The world will despise the church, for it stands in testimony against the world. Animosity against the church began even in the early days of the faith, and will continue until the LORD Jesus comes to reign.

Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ~ Matthew 5:11

3. The Church _____ It

The term “Christian” was meant as a derogatory expression of the world against the church. However, the church received it and now, down through the ages, those who belong to Christ are gladly known as “Christian.”

But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ~ 1 Peter 4:13

2 Timothy 1:8

Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God.



Wearing the Name Additional Scripture References (And Rabbit Trails Bible Study)

Matthew 5:14

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.

John 17:14

I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

Malachi 3:18

Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.

Hebrews 10:33

...sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so treated.

1 Peter 3:16

...having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.

Acts 18:6

And when they opposed and reviled him, he shook out his garments and said to them, “Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent. From now on I will go to the Gentiles.”

Acts 26:28

And Agrippa said to Paul, “In a short time would you persuade me to be a Christian?”

1 Peter 4:16

Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.

2 Thessalonians 1:12

...so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.