

THE WESSEX CONFERENCE

Spring Road Evangelical Church, Sholing,
Southampton

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Persecution: Its Reality & Our Response

Persecution has been a fact of life for the Lord's people ever since the Fall. Many countries in the world today actively persecute the church. In the West there has been a discernible hardening of attitude towards Christian belief and practice in the last decades and this process shows every sign of gaining speed.

Our first session will flesh out some of the background to this by referencing the apostle Peter's counsel to the churches in his first letter and our Lord's teaching. We will see that today's 'new normal' of increased hostility toward the church in our country is what the Bible teaches us to expect.

God's Word also shows us how we should respond to these circumstances – the subject of our second session. We will be asking ourselves what kind of people we need to be in such times. The Lord has not left us without resources. In particular, the glorious vision of the risen Christ that the apostle John was given when exiled on the island of Patmos will be the starting point for our considerations.

3pm: Persecution in the West: the new normal?

**6pm: Persecution in the West: what kind of people
do we need to be?**

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Tea provided between meetings: A very warm invitation is extended to all

