PERSECUTED CHURCH SONG

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TEMPO: **124** BPM Album: Amazing **HOLY SPIRIT** 'n' **Church**

VS 1 Today.... did we complain and whine at LORD God, while someone else cried, "Oh LORD, Help us hide!"? Did we whine about petty little things in our life, while some cried, "God protect us --- lest we die!" ???

AND..... What of our church?

Did we pray this week for God's persecuted churches? (repeat)

CHORUS

Forgive us, LORD. We pray in one voice: We pray, "Protect the persecuted church. Give comfort to them, that You are their hope."

Help us AS ONE church pray, and we give support.

God, comfort ALL Your persecuted PEOPLE.

Run swiftly to them, so You're glorified! Two Thessalonians 3, we pray to You, God! Deliver Your church from all this evil. We in this church <u>pray</u> and we <u>give support</u>. Give peace and HELP Your persecuted PEOPLE.

READING 1: Jesus said, in John 15:20 "Remember the word that I said to you: A slave is not greater than the master. If they persecuted ME, they will ALSO persecute you...."

VS 2 Today..... did YOU complain and whine at LORD God, while Christians and Jews elsewhere.... were **shot?** Did YOU whine about petty things in your life, while churches were burned people screamed --- and died?

AND What of God's Comfortable Church?

Did YOU ONCE think about God's persecuted churches? (repeat) (CHORUS)

READNG 2: God gives an example of prayer for the Persecuted Church in Colossians 4:3. Paul said, "Pray for us, too, that God will give us many opportunities to speak about his mysterious plan concerning Christ. That is why I am here in chains. Pray that I will proclaim this message as clearly as I should." OPTIONAL: 2nd Corinthians 4: 7-9; Philippians 2: 1-5. 2nd Thessalonians 3:1-2 >> "Pray for us, that the **WORD** of the LORD may run swiftly and be glorified, just as it is with you, and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men."

Song Story (written in 2014; 1,000s are being killed for their faith across this earth). In general, the Church – especially the church in America – should be ASHAMED at how little prayer is done for persecuted churches. Not just overseas. We're supposed to pray for one another... but 99% of churches pray only for sick people (which IS important!), but not for anything or anyone else with any fervency. Even protection from Satan for that church, much less persecuted churches. LORD GIVE US WISDOM on HOW to pray - as You promised through Romans 8:26... when we ask, The Holy Spirit WILL help us know what to pray, will pray the right words for us in HIS Way!

INSPIRATION: A guest pastor from Russia. Aoexey Ledyaez, came to my American church and asked, through an interpreter, "Do we see the slipping walls churches and WEEP, grieved?

Do we pray, fast, **BEG God for strength [Zechariah 4:6]** and work hard despite the mocking or physical danger?

Or do we just sit at a keyboard and complain?