

How to Live in this Godless Age

Pt. 2

Selected Scriptures

1 Timothy 3:14–15 (NKJV)

¹⁴ These things I write to you, though I hope to come to you shortly; ¹⁵ but if I am delayed, *I write* so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

Introduction:

When we were in Washington DC on Jan 5-6, we are approached a number time by Chinese Women, with brochures and clipboards. asks us to sign a petition to End the CCP “Chinese Communist Party”

There fear is that America is going down the exact same path that China has to end up Communistic and Totalitarian, If you have paid attention to the news coming out of China, in the last few years, there has been an

escalation of hostility toward religion in general and Christians more specifically

In one article I read written in July 2020, it stated.

“In Three-Self Protestant churches in China last Christmas, robed choir members again raised their voices in song, but this time their music was not traditional carols and hymns of praise to God. It was “My Motherland and I” and other anthems of homage to the Chinese Communist Party. In the Chinese Patriotic Catholic Association (PCA) churches, the Virgin Mary’s pictures are being replaced with portraits of President Xi Jinping, Subjected to a myriad of new rules, pastors and priests in both denominations are being forced to base their homilies on Xi’s sayings, now part of the CCP constitution. The underground churches, which have existed in a gray zone for two decades, neither legal nor banned as “evil cults” — a classification of over a dozen illegal religions, such as Falun Gong and “Eastern Lightning,” a.k.a. the Church of Almighty God — are being shut by the thousands.

In a world distracted by pandemic, China’s Communist government is aggressively

consolidating dominance over its tens of millions of Christians.

In a marathon speech at the CCP's National Congress in 2017, Xi declared a "new era of socialism with Chinese characteristics." In 2018, new regulations enforced this vision of "sinicization" on religious groups. That year the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights found that over 1 million Uighur Muslims were interned in concentration camps and forced to work in sweatshops, and new reports of discriminatory restrictions on Uighur family size are raising concerns of ongoing genocide. The Church of Almighty God sect reportedly had its many houses of worship bulldozed and saw many members detained. Some reportedly had their organs harvested for medical transplant, as happened in the 1980s to members of Falun Gong.

Christians have long been persecuted and restricted, but the current comprehensive push to meld churches with the CCP, under penalty of eradication, threatens to be devastating to the faith. It signals the advance of totalitarianism, just as China is rising as a world power."

<https://www.nationalreview.com/magazine/2020/08/10/the-attempted-shutdown-of-chinas-christians/>

Medicine:

China produces 97 percent of U.S. antibiotics and about 80 percent of active pharmaceutical ingredients used in American drugs, giving the Chinese Communist Party absolute control of potentially [life-saving medicine](#). For example, Chinese pharmaceutical companies supply 70 percent of the world's acetaminophen, commonly used in Tylenol.

Food:

In 2017, the United States imported \$4.6 billion in agricultural goods from China, which is also responsible for much of the global supply of soy and pea proteins that are found in nutritional supplements and synthetic meats. A Chinese firm has also purchased Smithfield, the world's largest pork processor and hog producer.

Education

The Chinese government's theft of intellectual property has been an open secret for decades. More recently, U.S. authorities have discovered China is funding [American university](#) researchers, who don't always disclose those contributions.

Technology:

The manufacturing of smartphones and other household items is heavily reliant on China, which controls most of the rare earth minerals that make those items work. Additionally, China is seeking to build 5G networks in the United States and other Western countries, which could potentially feed personal information and sensitive data to the Chinese Communist Party.

Media:

Chinese firms have bought AMC Entertainment, Legendary Entertainment, and other media companies. Control of 8,000-plus of American theater screens and other media platforms allows China to project "soft power" and block unflattering depictions of the Chinese government from being presented, both in terms of creative production and mass distribution.

Citing the nonpartisan economic think-tank [Paulson Institute](#), the American Security Institute report underscores that "Chinese firms and investors own a controlling majority in nearly 2,400 U.S. companies."

The extent of Chinese investment in recent years has also raised red flags around U.S. [national security](#), particularly in the realm of rare earth minerals. These are especially vital not only for high-

technology products such as smartphones and electric vehicles but for U.S. frontline weapons including the F-35 fighter, which requires 920 pounds of rare earth minerals.

"In 2017, the United States produced zero rare earth minerals. China, on the other hand, accounted for more than 80 percent of the world's supply," the report stated."

<https://www.foxnews.com/world/how-much-of-the-united-states-does-china-really-own>

President Trump had stopped some of this, and had plans to stop more of it. But now all that he has accomplished will be reversed
Giving assess of all of our vital areas to the CCP

The Chinese Communist Party as the former Secretary of State just said are not out side, they are inside our borders now.

This culture is rapidly becoming predominately infected with Marxist Socialistic Comummnistic thinking. The Church in America is about to walk in a place it hasn't had to in the Past, in this country. We are lights in the midst of ever increasing darkness.

Are you Ready.

Are you prepared.

Lesson:

Our Confession

Our Communion

Our Conduct

1.Our Confession

Our Confession is what the church is built on. It is the fabric that holds us together and gives us the Biblical worldview. Its what the church returns to time and time again when faced with troubling times.

Paul said that it was his practice to teach the Church the “whole counsel of God” (Acts 20:27) and that it is this teaching that we are to “commit to

faith men, that they be able to teach others also.”
(II Tim. 2:2)

Luke reminds us in Acts that it was the Churches practice to do this.

Acts 2:42 (NKJV)

⁴² And they **continued steadfastly** in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Matthew 16:13–19 (NKJV)

¹³ When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, **“Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?”**

¹⁴ So they said, “Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

¹⁵ He said to them, **“But who do you say that I am?”**

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered and said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

¹⁷ Jesus answered and said to him, **“Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven.**

¹⁸ And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹ And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

1. Jesus is God = only living and true God
2. Jesus is Lord = Sovereign

3. Jesus Savior

This is in essence the of the Confession of Christ
i.e. The Gospel.

The Gospel is why we are here and the Gospel
is there reason why we are left here.

We are saved because Christ is the Savior

The Church exist because Christ came to seek and
to save that which is lost.

1.Our Confession

2.Our Communion

The church is more important than ever now. Not that it hasn't been in the past, but since we are in a post-Christian pagan, godless cultural, the church's light is brighter than ever as long as we don't hide it. We are the salt, we are the light and we are the People who worship the true God in Christ Jesus. We are not a religion, we are the called out ones..

What is most telling on the church today, is how quickly many are willing to give it up. Within a matter of weeks of the unveiling of the Covid virus, Churches closed. Initially, it was based on fake news of millions were expected to die within months. Fear permeated the air and the air waves Tallies of the infected and the deaths were pushed on the public daily.

But as time went on, it was determined that it was not as bad as it was being said to be. We began to learn that for the majority of the population, that there was a over 99% survival rate. Those who were elderly and had co morbidities were at higher risk.

But even with that information, many churches have remained closed or have opened in a limited way. This was a good test to see what will happen when the more severe threats start to happen.

What will happen to American church when there is a real threat that you will loose your job for attending a Bible believing church, or your life or your family is treated by a radical leftist who hates what you believe.

Based on what I have seen with the virus, I believe the exodus from the church will be huge.

But that is easy persecution. What would happen if you knew you might lose your life or your children's life if the treat of death was real, or imprisonment.

Do we realize that the main verse that we go to for the support of attending corporate worship is found in Hebrews. A book written to Jews who were being persecuted and killed for their faith after being considered apostate by the Jewish faith and traitors and cannibals to the Roman Government for there unwillingness to worship Caesar
Yet they were told to gather together for worship....

And so we gather together no matter what.
We are expected to love God and love one another more than our own lives.

Hebrews 10:23–25 (NKJV)

²³ Let us hold fast the confession of *our* hope without wavering, for He who promised *is* faithful. ²⁴ And **let us consider one another** in order to stir up love and good works, ²⁵ **not forsaking** the assembling of ourselves together, as *is* the manner of some, but exhorting *one another*, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

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katanoéō: to take note of, perceive

Original Word: κατανοέω

Part of Speech: Verb

Transliteration: katanoéō

Phonetic Spelling: (kat-an-o-eh'-o)

Definition: to take note of, perceive

Usage: I take note of, perceive, consider carefully, discern, detect, make account of.

2657 katanoéō (from 2596 /katá, "down along, exactly according to" and 3539 /noiéō, "to think") – properly, to think from up to down, to a conclusion; to consider exactly, *attentively (decisively); to concentrate by fixing one's thinking " 'to perceive clearly' (kata, intensive), 'to understand fully, consider closely' "* (Vine, Unger, White, NT, 123).

2657 (katanoéō) expresses real comprehending

– "thinking decisively to a definite (clear) understanding."

one another ἀλλήλους — a reciprocal pronoun I do for you and you do for me, always plural and is based on the organic connection we all have in Christ.

not forsaking P A Pt

egkataleípō: to leave behind, i.e. (in a good sense) let remain over or (in a bad sense) desert

Original Word: ἐγκαταλείπω

Part of Speech: Verb

Transliteration: egkataleípō

Phonetic Spelling: (eng-kat-al-i'-po)

Definition: to leave behind, (in a good sense) let remain over or (in a bad sense) desert

Usage: I leave in the lurch, abandon (one who is in straits), desert.

1459 egkataleípō (from 1722 /en, "in"; 2596 /katá, "down"; and 3007 /leípō, "to leave") – properly, left in a condition of lack ("without"); hence, to feel forsaken (helpless), like left in dire circumstances.

Acts 2:40–47 (NKJV)

⁴⁰ And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation.” ⁴¹ Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added *to them*. ⁴² And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. ⁴³ Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, ⁴⁵ and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.

⁴⁶ So **continuing daily** with **one accord** in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

continuing daily

proskartereó: to attend constantly

Original Word: προσκαρτερέω

Part of Speech: Verb

Transliteration: proskartereó

Phonetic Spelling: (pros-kar-ter-eh'-o)

Definition: to attend constantly

Usage: I persist, persevere in, continue steadfast in; I wait upon.

4342 proskarteréō (from 4314 /prós, "towards, interactively with" and 2594 /karteréō, "show steadfast strength," derived from 2904 /krátos, "prevailing strength") – properly, to consistently showing strength which prevails (in spite of difficulties); to endure (remain firm), staying in a fixed direction.

[4342 /proskarteréō means "to continue to do something with intense effort, with the possible implication of despite difficulty – 'to devote oneself to, to keep on, to persist in'" (L & N, 1, 68.68).]

one accord

homothumadon: with one mind

Original Word: ὁμοθυμαδόν

Part of Speech: Adverb

Transliteration: homothumadon

Phonetic Spelling: (hom-oth-oo-mad-on')

Definition: with one mind

Usage: with one mind, unanimously, with one accord, at the same time.

3661 homothymadón (from homo, "same" and 2372 /thymós, "passion") – properly, with the

same passion, in "one accord" (having the same desire).

3661 /homothymadón ("of the same passion") describes people who share "like precious faith," creating a God-produced unity between them (cf. 2 Pet 1:1,2). Here they "have the same mind" (the Lord's thoughts) because each receives the same revelation of His Word. See this powerful application of **3661** (homothymadón) in Ac 1:14, 2:1,46, 4:24, 5:12, 8:6.

Acts 3:11 (NKJV)

Preaching in Solomon's Portico

¹¹ Now as the lame man who was healed held on to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the porch which is called Solomon's, greatly amazed.

Acts 3:12–15 (NKJV)

¹² So when Peter saw *it*, he responded to the people: "Men of Israel, why do you marvel at this? Or why look so intently at us, as though by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our

fathers, glorified His Servant Jesus, whom you delivered up and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let *Him* go. ¹⁴ But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵ and killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses.

Acts 3:19 (NKJV)

¹⁹ Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord,

Acts 4:1–4 (NKJV)

Peter and John Arrested

4 Now as they spoke to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came upon them, ² being greatly disturbed that they taught the people and preached in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³ And they laid hands on them, and put *them* in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴ However, many of those who heard the word believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand.

Acts 4:5–6 (NKJV)

⁵ And it came to pass, on the next day, that their rulers, elders, and scribes, ⁶ as well as Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the family of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem.

Acts 4:7 (NKJV)

⁷ And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, “By what power or by what name have you done this?”

Acts 4:10–12 (NKJV)

¹⁰ let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. ¹¹ This is the *‘stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.’* ¹² Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

Acts 4:16–21 (NKJV)

¹⁶ ...“What shall we do to these men? For, indeed, that a notable miracle has been done through them *is* evident to all who dwell in Jerusalem, and we

cannot deny *it*. ¹⁷ But so that it spreads no further among the people, let us severely threaten them, that from now on they speak to no man in this name.”

¹⁸ So they called them and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. ¹⁹ But Peter and John answered and said to them, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge. ²⁰ For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.” ²¹ So when they had further threatened them, they let them go,...

Acts 4:23–32 (NKJV)

²³ And being let go, they went to their own *companions* and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them. ²⁴ So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: “Lord, You *are* God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them, ²⁵ who by the mouth of Your servant David have said:

*‘Why did the nations rage,
And the people plot vain things?’*

²⁶ *The kings of the earth took their stand,
And the rulers were gathered together
Against the Lord and against His Christ.’*

²⁷ “For truly against Your holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together ²⁸ to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose determined before to be done. ²⁹ Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, ³⁰ by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus.”

³¹ And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

³² Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common.

Acts 5:10–14 (NKJV)

¹⁰ Then immediately she fell down at his feet and breathed her last. And the young men came in and found her dead, and carrying *her* out, buried *her* by her husband. ¹¹ So great fear came upon all the church and upon all who heard these things

¹² And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch. ¹³ Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. ¹⁴ And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women,

Acts 5:28–33 (NKJV)

²⁸ saying, “Did we not strictly command you not to teach in this name? And look, you have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this Man's blood on us!”

²⁹ But Peter and the *other* apostles answered and said: “We ought to obey God rather than men. ³⁰ The God of our fathers raised up Jesus whom you murdered by hanging on a tree. ³¹ Him God has exalted to His right hand *to be* Prince and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also *is* the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him.”

³³ When they heard *this*, they were furious and plotted to kill them.

Acts 5:40–6:1 (NKJV)

⁴⁰...., and when they had called for the apostles and beaten *them*, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹ So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name. ⁴² And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus *as* the Christ.

After the rise of Stephen and the his preaching, they stone him to death, with Saul there

Acts 8:3–4 (NKJV)

³ As for Saul, he made havoc of the church, entering every house, and dragging off men and women, committing *them* to prison.

⁴ Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word.

Acts 9:31 (NKJV)

³¹ Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied.

1. Our confession
2. Our Communion

3. Our Conduct

In the Time that Peter wrote his first letter, Nero was Ruling, He was a savage, morally bankrupt, evil and cruel dictator. In order to make more room in real-estate for his own building, he set fire to Rome, destroying homes and businesses of his own people to satisfy his own lust.

He then turned the rumors of responsibility of him doing this dirty deed, to blaming the Christians unleashing some of the most horrific times of persecution the church as ever seen.

Much like today, we are witnessing how the ills of our society are being blamed on the Conservatives politically, and more specifically those unloving hateful, intolerant, Bible

believing crazy people that go to church on a regular basis.

We are just beginning to see the escalation in hostility by censorship, but if history is any indicator of the path forward, we are going to be witness to much more and more severe.

So with that said.

It is absolutely critical, that we understand the necessity of the Church living in Holiness.

Not only because it is expected of us as believers but also because of evil day in which we live.

But because we are hated by the world and they are looking for every opportunity to discredit the message we preach.

Titus 2:4–5 (NKJV)

⁴ that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, ⁵ *to be* discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed.

Titus 2:6–8 (NKJV)

⁶ Likewise, exhort the young men to be sober-minded, ⁷ in all things showing yourself *to be* a pattern of good works; in doctrine *showing* integrity, reverence, incorruptibility, ⁸ sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you.

Titus 2:9–10 (NKJV)

⁹ *Exhort* bondservants to be obedient to their own masters, to be well pleasing in all *things*, not answering back, ¹⁰ not pilfering, but showing all good fidelity, that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things.

1 Peter 1:13–17 (NKJV)

¹³ Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest *your* hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; ¹⁴ as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, *as* in your ignorance; ¹⁵ but as He who called you *is* holy, you also be holy in all *your* conduct, ¹⁶ because it is written, “*Be holy, for I am holy.*”

¹⁷ And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay *here* in fear;

1 Peter 2:1–2 (NKJV)

2 Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, ² as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,

1 Peter 2:9–15 (NKJV)

⁹ But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; ¹⁰ who once *were* not a people but *are* now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

¹¹ Beloved, I beg *you* as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, ¹² having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by *your* good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.

¹³ Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, ¹⁴ or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and *for the praise* of those who do good. ¹⁵ For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men—

1 Peter 2:17 (NKJV)

¹⁷ Honor all *people*. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.

1 Peter 2:18–21 (NKJV)

¹⁸ Servants, *be* submissive to *your* masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh. ¹⁹ For this *is* commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully. ²⁰ For what credit *is it* if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this *is* commendable before God. ²¹ For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:

1 Peter 3:8–9 (NKJV)

⁸ Finally, all *of you be* of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, *be* tenderhearted, *be* courteous; ⁹ not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing.

1 Peter 3:13–17 (NKJV)

¹³ And who *is* he who will harm you if you become followers of what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, *you are* blessed. “*And do not be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled.*”

¹⁵ But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always *be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear*; ¹⁶ having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed.

¹⁷ For *it is* better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

1 Peter 4:7–10 (NKJV)

⁷ But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers. ⁸ And above all things have fervent love for one another, for “*love*

will cover a multitude of sins."⁹ Be hospitable to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰ As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

1 Peter 4:12–17 (NKJV)

¹² Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; ¹³ but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. ¹⁴ If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed *are you*, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified. ¹⁵ But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people's matters. ¹⁶ Yet if *anyone suffers* as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter.

¹⁷ For the time *has come* for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if *it begins* with us first, what will *be* the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?

1 Peter 4:19 (NKJV)

¹⁹ Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator.

1 Peter 5:6–11 (NKJV)

⁶ Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,
⁷ casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

⁸ Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. ⁹ Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. ¹⁰ But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle *you*. ¹¹ To Him *be* the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

So How do we live in a Godless age?

Just like the church has for ages

We Hold to our Confession

We Remain faithful to our Communion

We Persevere in our Conduct on Holiness