

The martyrdom of Polycarp -

\* To follow Jesus is to \_\_\_\_\_.

"Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves..." (16a)

### 1. What kinds of danger?

- \_\_\_\_\_ danger - "for they will deliver you over to courts" (17a)
- \_\_\_\_\_ danger - "and flog you in their synagogues" (17b)
- \_\_\_\_\_ danger - "and you will be dragged before governors and kings" (18a)
- \_\_\_\_\_ danger - "brother will deliver brother over to death" (21a)
- \_\_\_\_\_ danger - "and you will be hated by all" (22a)

"It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master" (25a)

### 2. How should we respond?

- \_\_\_\_\_ as serpents (16b)  
wise = \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ as doves (16b)  
innocent = \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Our relationship with our culture will include:

Snake-like sanity - We are \_\_\_\_\_ - sensible

Dove-like simplicity - We are \_\_\_\_\_ - simple

Three examples of this -

- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ but not \_\_\_\_\_ -  
Snake-like - cautious - "beware of men" (17a)  
Dove-like - not \_\_\_\_\_ - "do not be anxious" (19a)
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ but not \_\_\_\_\_ -  
Snake-like - \_\_\_\_\_ - "to bear witness" (18)  
Dove-like - not \_\_\_\_\_ "they will deliver you over" (17, 19, 23)  
triumphalism = when Christians become enamored with \_\_\_\_\_ and short-term \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ but not \_\_\_\_\_ -  
Snake-like - \_\_\_\_\_ - "flee to the next" (23)  
Dove-like - not \_\_\_\_\_ "I am sending you" (16)

### Implications

1. Our relationship with culture is \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Christian and Culture

- Option #1 - \_\_\_\_\_ - Engage culture combatively.  
Goal - domination (military feel)
- Option #2 - \_\_\_\_\_ - Engage culture protectively.  
Goal - separation (monastery feel)
- Option #3 - \_\_\_\_\_ - Engage culture warmly.  
Goal - accommodation (mutuality feel)  
Which is biblical?

2. Our relationship with culture is \_\_\_\_\_.