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## Having Favor With All The People

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### A GOSPEL OF OFFENSE

Paul speaks of the “offense of the C\_\_\_\_\_” (Gal 5:11), and that God lays in Zion a stone of S\_\_\_\_\_, a rock of offense (Isa 8:14; Rom 9:33; 1 Pet 2:8)

We should expect to suffer as a C\_\_\_\_\_ (1 Pet 4:12-16), realizing that Jesus his followers would be persecuted and even, on occasion, be H\_\_\_\_\_ by all (Matt 10:22).

### NO ADDITIONAL OFFENSE

Giving no additional offense is for P\_\_\_\_\_ reasons (Prov 18:19), follows the E\_\_\_\_\_ of our Lord (Matt 17:27), obeys the C\_\_\_\_\_ of God (1 Cor 10:31-33), and is in keeping with the E\_\_\_\_\_ of the Apostle Paul (Acts 25:8).

### BE HIGHLY FAVORED

Luke tells us we are to be in favor with G\_\_\_\_\_ (Lk 1:30; 2:52; Acts 7:46) and with P\_\_\_\_\_ (Lk 2:52; Acts 2:47; 7:10).

Jesus taught that the “year of the Lord’s Favor” often involves God giving and serving O\_\_\_\_\_ (Lk 4:18ff).

Paul teaches us to be concerned how we are perceived by outsiders in our A\_\_\_\_\_ (1 Cor 14:16-24), in our daily W\_\_\_\_\_ (Col 4:5; 1 Thess 4:12), and in who we choose to be a S\_\_\_\_\_ (1 Tim 3:7).

### LIVING WITNESS

You may be the only Bible some people ever R\_\_\_\_\_.

*Answers: Cross; Christians; Hated; Practical; Example; Command; Example;  
God; People; Outsiders; Assembly; Walk; Shepherds; Read*