# The Purpose of Persecution (Acts 8:1-8) – December 13, 2020

**1) Persecution was/is meant to destroy the Church.**

**2) But God used/uses even persecution to further His gospel purposes *(“The death of the martyrs is the seed for the church.” – The Church Father Tertullian).***

**3) The witness of the Church was/is not silenced in the face of persecution.**