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For my final monograph, I intend to study “The Persecution of the Church” during the first three centuries. Throughout the paper I will be considering the following:

1. Persecution during the first century:
  - a. Who were the main perpetrators against the church during this time period.
  - b. What were the reasons for persecuting the church during this time period.
  - c. What methods were employed against the church during this time period.
2. Persecution during the second century:
  - a. Who were the main perpetrators against the church during this time period.
  - b. What were the reasons for persecuting the church during this time period.
  - c. What methods were employed against the church during this time period.
3. Persecution during the third century:
  - a. Who were the main perpetrators against the church during this time period.
  - b. What were the reasons for persecuting the church during this time period.
  - c. What methods were employed against the church during this time period.
4. What was the early church’s response and attitude towards persecution.
  - a. What did the early church believe or understand about persecution/martyrdom.
  - b. Who were some of the men and women who were persecuted and/or died as martyrs for the faith in the first three centuries.
5. Is the church still facing persecution today?
  - a. Where and how is the church being persecuted most severely today.
6. Conclusion:
  - a. What we learn from the persecution of the early church.
  - b. How the local church can stand with those who are facing persecution today.

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