

# **The Blessed Life**

## **Matthew 5.10-12**

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.<sup>11</sup> Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.<sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

What is Persecution?

It is all about Jesus

“...and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.”

2 Timothy 3.12

Separation- John 15.18-20

Suffering- Hebrews 11, Acts 5.27-33, 40-42

Submission

What is not Persecution?

1 Peter 2.19-21

Prideful Prosecution

Self-Promotion

Deserved Punishment

Galatians 6.7

Reasons for Persecution

Matthew 5.10-11

Righteousness

Living the Beatitudes

1 Peter 3.13-17

The name of Jesus

Loving the Savior

1 Peter 4.12-17

Blessings of Persecution

Rest in His Kingdom power- Matthew 5.10

Rejoice in His grace- Matthew 5.11-12

Be glad in His unfailing love

Represent His forgiveness