

## Blessed Are the Persecuted

(Matthew 5:10-12)

As Christians develop \_\_\_\_\_ lives and take \_\_\_\_\_  
as \_\_\_\_\_ they can expect \_\_\_\_\_.

### I. The \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of Persecution

Jesus tells His followers to expect to be \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_. Unbelievers \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_  
of Jesus in \_\_\_\_\_. Persecution means a person is doing  
something \_\_\_\_\_.

1) Persecution for \_\_\_\_\_ sake - II Timothy 3:12;  
I Peter 3:13-17; I Peter 4:3-5

A \_\_\_\_\_ life is \_\_\_\_\_ to the world.

2) Persecution for \_\_\_\_\_ sake - I Peter 4:12-14

For the last \_\_\_\_\_ years the \_\_\_\_\_ forms of  
persecution have centered on those who \_\_\_\_\_.

It is estimated that \_\_\_\_\_ new Christians come to  
faith in Christ in \_\_\_\_\_ every \_\_\_\_\_! But, it is also  
estimated that over \_\_\_\_\_ Christians around the  
world \_\_\_\_\_ for their faith in Christ each \_\_\_\_\_!

### II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Persecution

Jesus says the \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_ because  
as the \_\_\_\_\_ Son of God He sees the \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_ and eternal \_\_\_\_\_ of all things.

Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ His persecuted disciples a \_\_\_\_\_  
in \_\_\_\_\_. By doing so, He offers \_\_\_\_\_  
as a legitimate \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ for Him.

We are to \_\_\_\_\_ serve and obey Christ because  
we \_\_\_\_\_ Him; but \_\_\_\_\_ persecution  
resulting from a \_\_\_\_\_ life also brings with it an  
\_\_\_\_\_.

### III. The Proper \_\_\_\_\_ to Persecution

We can and will be \_\_\_\_\_ amid \_\_\_\_\_ to  
the \_\_\_\_\_ that we truly \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus'  
\_\_\_\_\_ of "\_\_\_\_\_ " reward.

I Peter 4:12-14 - This passage means that if God counts you  
\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ ways for  
Christ's glory, then you should \_\_\_\_\_ all the  
\_\_\_\_\_.