

Counted worthy

# Persecution

# Matt 5:10-12

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

## 2 Tim 3:12

- Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted

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- The only way to escape persecution is to fail to be salt and light; in other words, compromise and be conformed to this world and not try to live a Godly life.
- It's our Godly gauge.
- Not persecuted? Shame on you.
- We are living in a world that is increasingly hostile to those that love the Lord.
- Not Persecuted = Not Godly

# Matt 5:10-14

- Expect Persecution
- Righteousness in the Greek means “to divide” or “to be different”
- Persecute literally means “to pursue” A pursuit to find something wrong that you’re doing.
- We have been born again. Our lifestyle is different. Our values are different. Our conclusion is different.

# John 3:19

- Why should we expect it?
- We have been born again.
  - Our lifestyle is different.
  - Our values are different.
  - Our conclusion is different.

Matt 5:10

1 Peter 4:14

- Persecution not punishment
  - Punishment comes from good people when we do bad.
  - Persecution comes from bad people when we do good.

# John 15:18-20

- "If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you.
- If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.
- Remember the word that I said to you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours.



# Matt 5:11

- We must endure
  - Personal Insults
  - Physical Intimidation
  - Social Injustice
    - Mark 13:9-13

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But be on your guard. For they will deliver you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them.

And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations.

And when they bring you to trial and deliver you over, do not be anxious beforehand what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit

And brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death.

And you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

# Mark 13: 9-13

- It may come from the religious world.
- It may come from the government.
- It may come from the home.

# Matt 5:43

- We must Endure and not come down to their level
- Be Christ like: Return good for evil
- Rejoice in the Lord - Matt 5:12
- Rejoicing, counted worth of suffering Acts 5:41
- Example of Stephen – Acts 7:55-60
- We must take a stand