

LET JESUS
PILOT YOUR
JOURNEY!



Want To Have A Happy Rest of the Year

A Look At The Beatitudes

Matthew 5:10-12

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Blessed (happy) are the poor in spirit... that mourn that are meek that are hungering and thirsting
that are pure in heart..... peacemakers...

Matthew 5:10-12 Blessed are they which are **persecuted** for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. [11] Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and **persecute** you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. [12] Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so **persecuted** they the prophets which were before you.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE PERSECUTED???

WHY WOULD ANYONE WANT TO PERSECUTE YOU FOR BEING A CHRISTIAN???

- What did Jesus say??
- John 15:18..
- John 15:24...
- John 15:25
- Look at Philippians 3:17,19 There are some who are _____ of the _____

IN WHAT WAY DO THESE VERSES GIVE ENCOURAGEMENT??

- persecuted for _____ sake
- theirs is the _____ of _____
- persecuted _____ for My sake
- Rejoice, and be exceeding _____
- for _____ is your reward in _____
- persecuted just as the _____ were before you!

WHAT KINDS of PERSECUTION MAY AMERICAN CHRISTIANS EXPECT??

- Read Mark 4:16 - 17... Part of the Parable of the Sower..
- In what way did the hearers respond?
- What is it that causes the persecution??
- Why were they not able to withstand the persecution?

THERE ARE TWO THINGS THAT OFFEND THE UNBELIEVERS...

- What is offensive as stated by Paul in Galatians 5:11? the _____ WHY?
- Look at Galatians 6:12...
- What is offensive as stated by Peter in 1 Peter 2:8?? the _____ WHY?

HOW CAN YOU AS A BELIEVER BE EQUIPPED TO FACE and OVERCOME PERSECUTION??

In What Way Can These Verses Help You To Take Your Stand??

- 1 Corinthians 1:18...
- Mark 8:34...
- Mark 10:21...
- Galatians 6:14... Notice Paul's focus...
- Ephesians 6:10 - 18 .. Remember the "armor"
- Hebrews 12: 1 - 4 ...
- Who Are The Examples?
- To Whom Should Believers Look?

WHERE ARE YOU IN THIS JOURNEY of FOLLOWING JESUS???

**WHAT WOULD
YOU LIKE TO
STUDY NEXT???**
A Book of the Bible
A Teaching of the Bible
An Issue You Have
What We Believe
How We Should Live