



## THE HAPPY AND THE HARASSED

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*"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. MATTHEW 5:10-11 ESV*

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

2 TIMOTHY 3:12; PHILIPPIANS 1:29

**Killing Harassment Ridicule**  
**Discrimination Torture**  
**Imprisonment Restrictions**  
**Persecution Attacks**

The most important phrase in the eighth Beatitude is \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (5:10).

Persecution \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel. ACTS 8:1-3; JOHN 15:18-20

Persecution makes our \_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus more  
\_\_\_\_\_. PHILIPPIANS 3:10

## **A Christian Response to Persecution**

*“Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”* MATTHEW 5:12 ESV

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*“But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”*  
MATTHEW 5:44 ESV