

THE BLESSEDNESS OF BEING PERSECUTED FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS
(Matthew 5:10-12)

- I. The _____ of the Righteous
 - A. Not to be _____ but to be _____ (1 Pet. 2:19-20)
 - 1. No special _____ in being persecuted
 - 2. Can be easily _____ by _____
 - B. The inevitable response of the _____ to a _____ life (1 Pet. 4:12)
 - 1. _____ to the Christian life (2 Tim. 3:12)
 - 2. _____ of a believer’s faithfulness (Gal. 4:29)
 - C. Comes in three general categories of _____
 - 1. _____ (cf. 1 Pet. 3:16-17)
 - 2. _____ (cf. 1 Pet. 2:21, 24)
 - 3. _____ (cf. 1 Pet. 4:4)
 - D. Comes because of our _____ with _____ (1 Pet. 2:20; cf. John 15:18-21)
 - 1. For _____ His _____
 - 2. For _____ His _____

II. The _____ to the Persecuted

A. _____ in the Kingdom (cf. 5:3)

B. _____ in the Kingdom (5:11-12)

1. A _____ pronouncement of _____

2. A _____ to be received in _____

3. A _____ described as “_____”

4. An _____ with the _____

III. The _____ to Persecution (cf. 1 Pet. 4:13)

A. _____ in knowing the _____ is

B. _____ in knowing your _____ is
