



THE (BE)ATTITUDES

“The (BE)Attitude of Perseverance”

Matthew 5:10-12

July 24, 2022

Our Attitude: Perseverance in persecution

- 1) The sad reality [Luke 6:26](#)
- 2) The sobering truth
[2 Timothy 3:12](#); [Philippians 1:29](#); [1 John 3:13](#); [I Peter 3:13-18](#);
[1 Peter 4:12](#); [Acts 14:22](#); [John 15:18-21](#); [1 Thessalonians 3:3-4](#)
- 3) What it means to be persecuted
 - a) Physical harm
 - b) Slander you
 - c) Reville you
 - d) Excluded, passed over, or missed out

Our Appeal – To rejoice greatly

[Acts 5:41](#); [I Peter 1:6-7](#) [4:13-14](#)

Our Assurance & Hope: The kingdom of Heaven & a great reward

- 1) The presence of Jesus now [Daniel 3:24](#)
- 2) The perspective of eternity [Hebrews 11:26](#);
[Matthew 6:19-21, 33](#); [2 Corinthians 4:17](#); [2 Thessalonians 1:5-7](#)
- 3) The promise of the reward [Colossians 3:24](#); [2 Timothy 4:7-8](#);
[Revelation 22:12](#)

Our Application: The Marks

- 1) We are in good company
- 2) It is one of the defining marks of being a Christ Follower
- 3) We are marked people by the enemy
- 4) We pass our faith down to the next generation
- 5) We are willing to die to ourselves so we can live for Him

Response Questions:

1. Would you agree or disagree? - The church & Christians in America are experiencing persecution. Why or why not?
2. How can a person rejoice greatly when facing persecution?
3. Have you ever experienced persecution for living righteously? Describe it, what you learned, and how you moved through it.
4. Why should persecution be a defining mark of a Christ Follower?
5. Why is the great reward worth it in the end for suffering persecution?