

the good life
 (The Beatitudes)
 The Promise Is Worth the Process
 Matthew 5:10-12

1

The Promise Is Worth the Process
 Matthew 5:3-12
 3 Blessed are the poor in spirit, for the kingdom of heaven is theirs.
 4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
 5 Blessed are the humble, for they will inherit the earth.
 6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
 7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.
 8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
 9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.
 10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for the kingdom of heaven is theirs.
 11 "You are blessed when they insult you and persecute you and falsely say every kind of evil against you because of me. 12 Be glad and rejoice, because your reward is great in heaven. For that is how they persecuted the prophets who were before you. *the good life*

2

The Promise Is Worth the Process
You Will Be Persecuted
 Matthew 5:10-11
 10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for the kingdom of heaven is theirs. 11 "You are blessed when they insult you and persecute you and falsely say every kind of evil against you because of me.



Verbal Insults and Ridicule
 2 Timothy 3:12
 In fact, all who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.



Christian Persecution Today

3


The Promise Is Worth the Process
You Will Be Different
 Matthew 5:10-11
 10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for the kingdom of heaven is theirs. 11 "You are blessed when they insult you and persecute you and falsely say every kind of evil against you because of me.

John 15:18
 If the world hates you, understand that it hated Me before it hated you.

ARE YOU LIVING A RADICALLY DIFFERENT LIFE?

4


The Promise Is Worth the Process
Rejoice When You Suffer for Jesus
 Matthew 5:12
Be glad and rejoice, because your reward is great in heaven. For that is how they persecuted the prophets who were before you.



To Leap and Shout for Joy

Acts 5:41
 They went out from the presence of the Sanhedrin, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to be treated shamefully on behalf of the Name.

It's a Choice to Rejoice!



5

The Promise Is Worth the Process
Great Is Your Reward in Heaven
 Matthew 5:12
 Be glad and rejoice, because your reward is great in heaven. For that is how they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Philippians 3:20-21
 Our citizenship is in heaven, and we eagerly wait for a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ. 21 He will transform the body of our humble condition into the likeness of His glorious body, by the power that enables Him to subject everything to Himself.

Romans 8:29 For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son.

Philippians 1:6 I am sure of this, that he who started a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

6