Peaceful Valley Church

***THE BEATITUDES-Part 8***

***Persecuted for righteousness***

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*And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.*

Matthew 10:7 (KJV)

* Open your Bible to Matthew 5

**Blessed are...**

**Beatitude Blessing**

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Kingdom of heaven
2. Mourn \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Meek \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. Desire righteousness Filled- \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Mercy- forgiveness
6. Pure in heart \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
7. Peacemakers \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Kingdom of heaven

**TODAY’S BEATITUDE:**

*Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.* Matthew 5:10-12

**Why Persecute People with this kind of character?**

* Evil \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (John 3:20)
* We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ evil. (John 7:7)
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the truth. (2 Chronicles 18:7)
* Open your Bible to 1 Peter 4:12-19

Paul promises \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for those who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus. (2 Timothy 3:12)

Some benefits of suffering and persecution include: Christ-likeness, perseverance, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, hope, mature, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

*See Romans 5:3-4; James 1:2—4*

*But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."* Acts 7:55-56

**How do you face persecution without denying your faith?**

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