

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

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Being a Counter-Cultural Christian

Part 3

(Our Attitude in Tough Times)

Matthew 5:10-12

The truth of the matter is, however, that Jesus assures us in our text that just the opposite would happen.

One of the outstanding qualities of Jesus was His sheer H_____. He never left people in any doubt what would happen to them if they chose to follow Him. He says, **“If you follow me, you are going to be persecuted!”**

The issue which I want to raise today is: what should be our attitude when we face adversity? What should be our T_____ when we are treated terribly, and how should the child of God respond to persecution?

I. The R_____ of Persecution

1. It's I_____ (v 10 and 11; 2 Timothy 3:12)
2. It's I_____

Notice that Jesus mentions three kinds of mistreatments that His disciples would suffer.

- A. P_____ Insults
- B. V_____ Insults
- C. S_____

II. The R_____ for Persecution

1. When we are persecuted because of Godly P_____
2. When We Are Persecuted Because of the Person of Christ

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III. The R_____ to Persecution

1. How We Should Not Respond

- We are not to R_____ like an unbeliever.
- Nor are we to S_____ like a child.
- Nor are we to L_____ our wounds in self-pity like a dog.
- Nor are we to grin and bear it like a Stoic.
- Nor are we to pretend we E_____ it like a masochist.

2. How We Should Respond

- **Rejoice** V12
- R_____ V12b