

“For the Joy Set Before Us” – Prepared for Persecution (Part 2)

- I. Introduction (Matthew 5:11-12)

- II. Suffering for righteousness' sake (1 Peter 2:20; 3:17; 4:14-16; Matthew 5:10)

- III. Forms of persecution
 - A. Verbal abuse (Matthew 5:11; 1 Peter 4:3-4, 14)

 - B. Social stigma (John 9:34; Luke 6:22-23; 12:51-53)

 - C. Physical abuse and imprisonment (Luke 21:12)

 - D. Martyrdom (Luke 21:16-19; Revelation 2:10)

- IV. Conclusion (1 Peter 4:12-14; 2 Corinthians 4:17; 1 Peter 5:10)