

## Sermon Notes

**Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness.**

Matthew 5:10

Why should we pay attention to the persecuted around the world?

Hebrews 13:3 We are members of the same \_\_\_\_\_. If one hurts all hurt.

An important lesson:

**Safety does not depend on the absence of danger. Safety is found in God's \_\_\_\_\_, by being in the center of His perfect will.**

Acts 7:55-59 If you are persecuted because of Christ, you will see \_\_\_\_\_.

Persecution is a normal outcome for walking with Christ.

When persecution because of Christ occurs, God is \_\_\_\_\_ in the midst of the persecution.)

Why persecution?

"There is such a tension between the message and way of life of Christians on the one hand, and the mindset and way of life of the world on the other, that conflict is inevitable." John Piper

Persecute To chase down with \_\_\_\_\_.

Acts 4:29 To present the \_\_\_\_\_ to those who are God's enemies

2 Timothy 3:12 Because you are living a \_\_\_\_\_ life

2 Corinthians 5:21 – Trusting in Jesus allows God to make us \_\_\_\_\_.

How should I respond to those who are persecuted?

- \_\_\_\_\_ for the persecuted Christians.
- Write letters of \_\_\_\_\_ to persecuted Christians
- Send a \_\_\_\_\_ to someone in need
- Become an \_\_\_\_\_ on their behalf

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International Christian Concern - <https://www.persecution.org>

Open Doors International - <https://www.opendoorsusa.org>

Voice of the Martyrs - <https://www.persecution.com>