



*The Reality of Suffering and Persecution*

# PERSECUTION

1 Peter 3:13-18

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But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, you are blessed.

- 1 Peter 3:14, NASB95

Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup> "Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. <sup>12</sup> "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

- Matthew 5:10-12, NASB95

Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

- Hebrews 13:3, NIV84

### Every Month:

**322 Christians are killed for their faith in Jesus Christ.**

**214 Christian Church properties are destroyed.**

**1,000 Christians have violence committed against them.**  
(i.e., beatings, kidnappings, abductions, rape, forced marriages and arrests)

*"In the US, we really know nothing about persecution."*

- Pastor Joe

