

## THE BEATITUDES: BLESSED ARE... PART THREE

### MATTHEW 5:8-12

How did Jesus expect his disciples to react under persecution? He said, "Rejoice and be glad!" We are not to retaliate like an unbeliever, nor sulk like a child, nor lick our wound in self-pity like a dog, nor grin and bear it like a Stoic, still less pretend we enjoy it. What then? We are to rejoice as a Christian should.

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**Additional text:** Psalm 24, Philippians 1

### I. Blessing in Purity

## II. Blessing in Peacemaking

## III. Blessing in Persecution