

---

## Living with an Eternal Perspective

2 Cor. 4:17 For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an *eternal glory that far outweighs them all.*

---

2 Cor. 4:18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

---

2 Tim. 4:7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. [8] Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day--and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

---

1 Peter 5:10 And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, establish, and strengthen you.

---

Key: Page 2: validation.

Page 3: honor. reward.

You can listen to **or VIEW the video** of PCI messages at [www.pacificchurch.com](http://www.pacificchurch.com), or you can LISTEN to past messages at [reachteachlove.com](http://reachteachlove.com)

---

---

## Persecution—Reason for Joy!!

Two Roads: Signpost #8

Matthew 5:10-12; June 22, 2014

---

### 2 Roads

Matthew 7:13 "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it."

Matthew 7:14 "But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it."

---

### 8 Sign Posts

Blessed are the poor in spirit ...

Blessed are those who mourn...

Blessed are the meek...

Blessed are those who hunger ...for righteousness...

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy

Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called sons of God..

Matt. 5:10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

---

### Persecution

Matt. 5:10 "...persecuted because of righteousness..."

---

---

*Matt. 5:11 "...persecuted ... because of me.."*

## **Kinds of Persecution**

- *Matthew 5:11 Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.*

## **The "Joy"(?!!) of Persecution**

### **1. Fatherly \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"...for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."*

- *Matthew 25:23 "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful with a few things. I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your Master's happiness."*

---

---

### **2. We're given a badge of \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Acts 5:41 The apostles left the Sanhedrin, **rejoicing** because they had been **counted worthy** of suffering disgrace **for the Name**.*

- *Philip. 3:10 I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,*

### **3. We will receive a great \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Matthew 5:12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*

- 

---