

## CONFIRMATION

*“The Way of Glory: Persecution – part two”*

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**Text: Matthew 5:10**

*“<sup>10</sup> Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup> Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.”*

There is much to learn about persecution from the early Christians.....

Scripture doesn't record most of the final outcomes of the men known as the Twelve Apostles, but early church records provide us with some details:

JAMES –

PETER –

ANDREW –

JOHN –

PHILIP –

NATHANIEL –

MATTHEW –

THOMAS –

JAMES THE LESS (son of Alphaeus) –

SIMON THE ZEALOT –

JUDAS (NOT ISCARIOT) –

## LESSONS TO BE LEARNED FROM PERSECUTION –

*IT IS SOMETHING \_\_\_\_\_*

2 Timothy 3:12 says, “<sup>12</sup>*In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.*”

1 Peter 4:12 says, “<sup>12</sup>*Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you.*”

*IT IS TO BE VIEWED AS A \_\_\_\_\_*

\_\_\_\_\_. Hebrews 12:7 - “<sup>7</sup>*Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons.*”

## CONCLUDING CONSIDERATIONS –

*CONSIDER \_\_\_\_\_ WE SUFFER FOR.*

*CONSIDER IT A \_\_\_\_\_  
TO SUFFER PERSECUTION.*

Acts 5:41 has Peter and John rejoicing in this fact. “<sup>41</sup>*The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name.*”

*CONSIDER WHAT \_\_\_\_\_ ENDURED FOR  
US.*