

The Best Life

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Matthew 5:10-13

INTRODUCTION

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I. Kingdom **RIGHTEOUSNESS** vs **SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS**

If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.

I Peter 4:14-16

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II. “Blessed are you when others **REVILE** you and **PERSECUTE** you and utter all kinds of evil against you **FALSELY** on my account.” Matthew 5:11

III. What should our **RESPONSE** be?

“Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.” Matthew 5:12

IV. “You are the **SALT OF THE EARTH**, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be **THROWN OUT** and **TRAMPLED** under people’s feet.” Matthew 5:13

CONCLUSIONS:

Matthew 5:10-12 is an example of the process of our sanctification.

WHAT’S YOUR NEXT STEP?

Considering what I heard, what do I need to do?



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