

Persecuted for Righteousness' Sake!

Persecution is hostile ill-treatment of a person.¹ Someone will persecute another person based on erroneous impressions. A person found guilty by the prosecution of facts will be ill-treated by another. We will suffer ill-treatment for a poor decision, or an illicit act committed. Such ill-treatment is a consequence of our actions. Repentance for the act leads to forgiveness and healing. Some relationships give erroneous impressions resulting in illtreatment. Our relationship with Jesus will bring persecution. All who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. (2 Timothy 3:12, NKJV) The world hates Jesus! Therefore, those of the world hate those who believe in Him. As believers in Jesus, we should see another's reproaching of our belief as a blessing. The blessing is the uprightness we receive from our LORD, which secures our entry into His heavenly kingdom. Beloved, embrace your righteousness,² which came from the sacrifice Jesus made for you on the cross. Shalom!!

Footnote:

Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament, 1377 persecuted
Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament, 1343 righteousness'

Matthew 5:10, John 15-18-25, 1 Peter 2:20, 4:12-14, James 5:10-11, 2 Corinthians 12:10.

Love Life Ministry Touching People with the Healing Power of God's Love[©]

Scripture quoted or referenced is from *The Holy Bible, New King James Version*, Copyright $^{\odot}$ 1979, 1980, 1982, 1997 by Thomas Nelson, Inc. Used by Permission. All rights reserved