

THY KINGDOM COME

Persecuted
For Righteousness

Matthew 5:10

TEXT

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

Why are Christians persecuted? Because they value...

1. **Faithfulness over _____:**
 - a. We cannot serve both God and _____:
 - b. We cannot be possessed by his _____:
 - c. We cannot trust in anything but God for _____:

2. **Gospel over _____:**
 - a. The gospel is the message of true _____:
 - b. ...Our _____ allegiance is to God:
 - c. _____ God, not man:
[Matthew 10:16-28]

3. **Christ over _____:**
 - a. Our greatest goal is not the pleasure of _____.
[2 Timothy 3:12]
 - b. Our greatest goal is not the pleasure of _____.
[John 15:20]
 - c. Our greatest goal is the pleasure of _____.