

Oh Joy!

Message 4: The Joy of Being Persecuted for Christ Philippians 2:12-15

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- **Persecution Comes As A Result of Devout Christian Living**

- **Persecution Is A Reality**
- **Persecution Doesn't Zap Joy**

1. Take Joy in the _____.

Matthew 5:10-12

2. Take Joy in the _____ you keep.

Hebrews 12:1-2

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. ²Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Key Truth: The greatest suffering was done by Christ on your behalf.

Key Truth: The _____ you stand for Christ the easier the _____ you become.



*All scripture is from the NIV unless otherwise noted.

