



**#Blessed?**

**Path of Christ**

# Recap

**Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called  
children of God. Matthew 5:9**

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**“The peacemaker of whom Christ refers is not one who settles disagreements and disputes of others.**

**This beatitude is a passage on reconciliation** and sonship to God and involves the Biblical premise of peace with God.” **Rick Calvert**

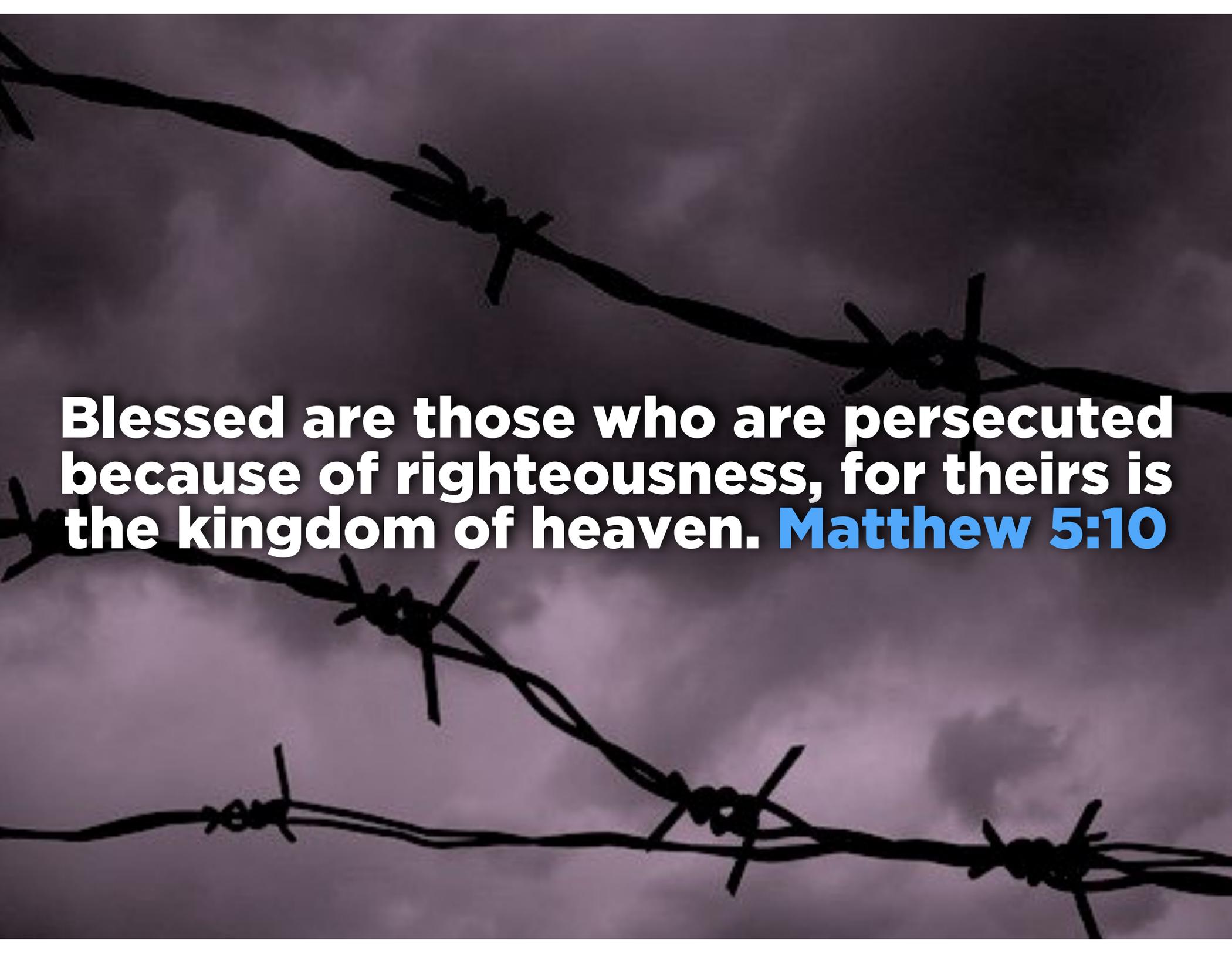
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**But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. Galatians 4:4-5 (Romans 8:15, 23, 9:4, Ephesians 1:5)**

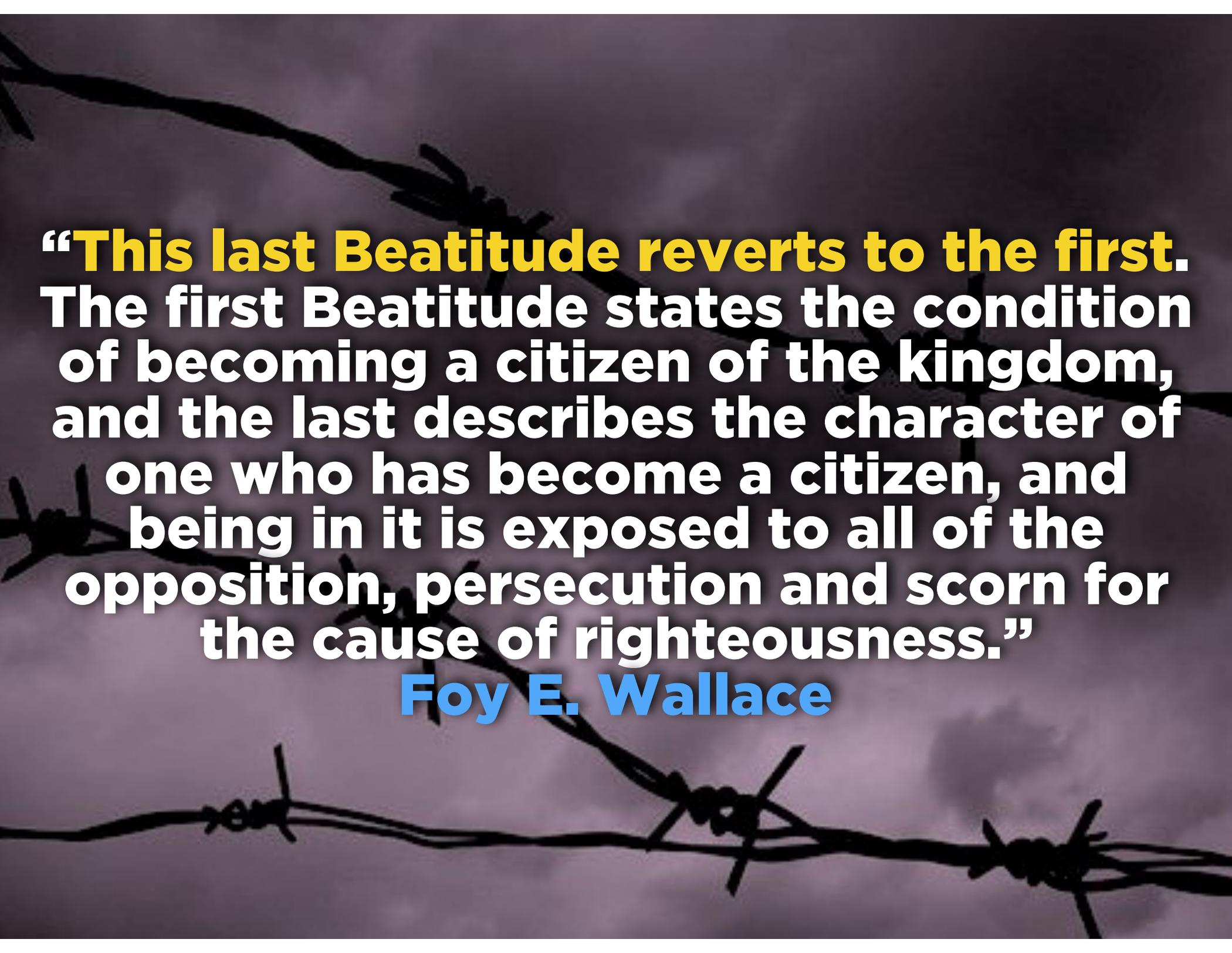
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We are therefore Christ's ambassadors,  
as though **God were making his appeal  
through us**. We implore you on Christ's  
behalf: Be reconciled to God.

**2 Corinthians 5:20**

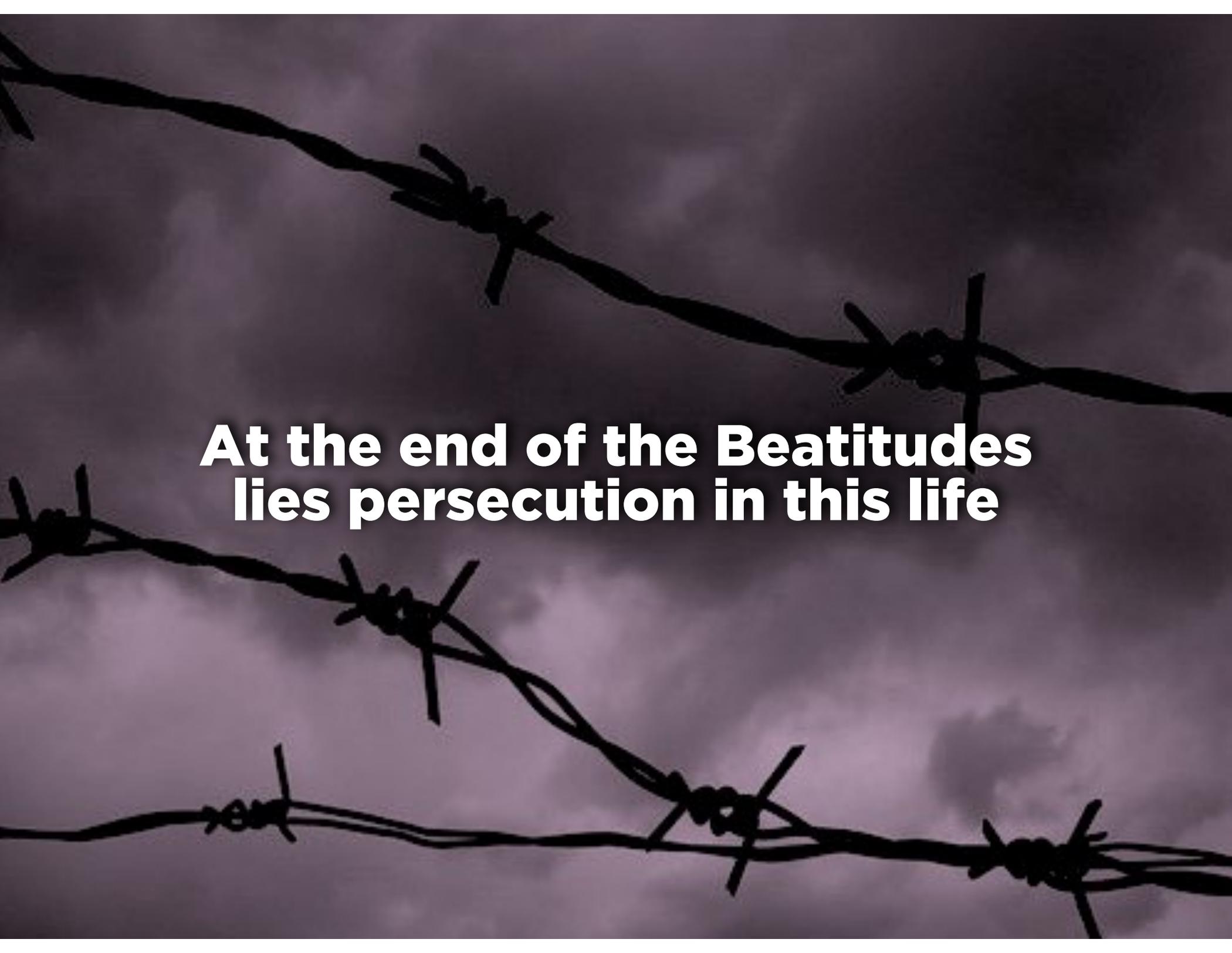


**Blessed are those who are persecuted  
because of righteousness, for theirs is  
the kingdom of heaven. [Matthew 5:10](#)**

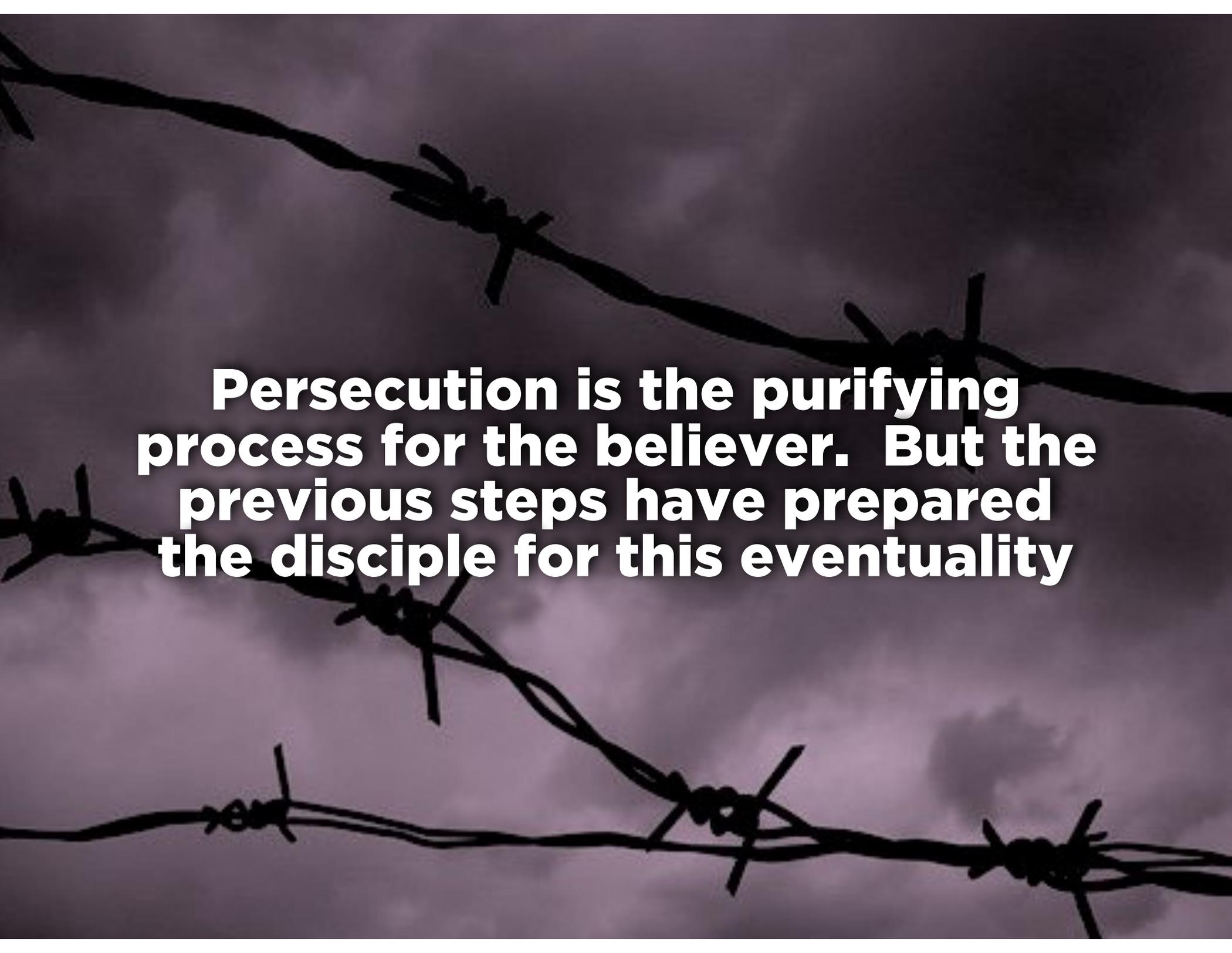


**“This last Beatitude reverts to the first. The first Beatitude states the condition of becoming a citizen of the kingdom, and the last describes the character of one who has become a citizen, and being in it is exposed to all of the opposition, persecution and scorn for the cause of righteousness.”**

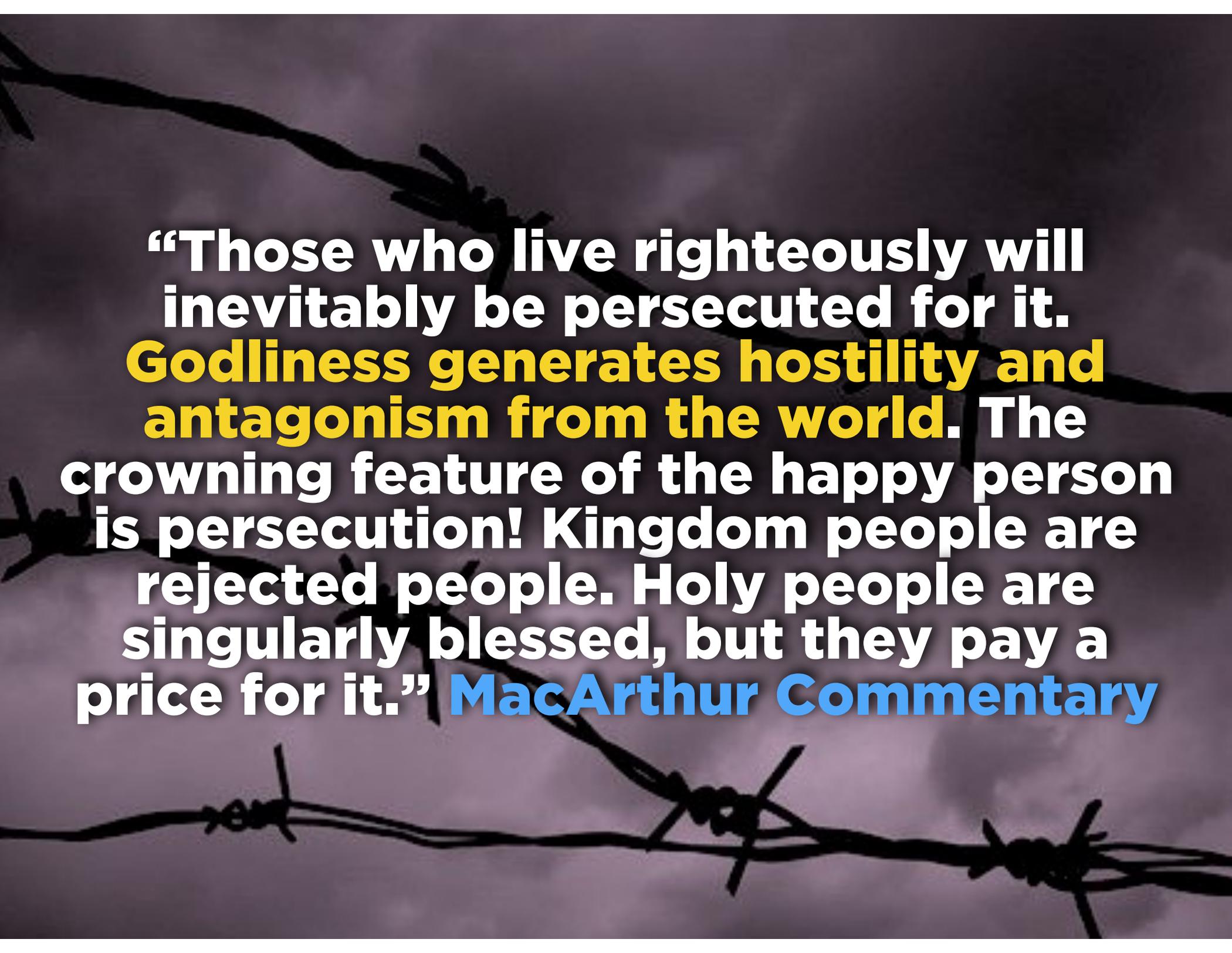
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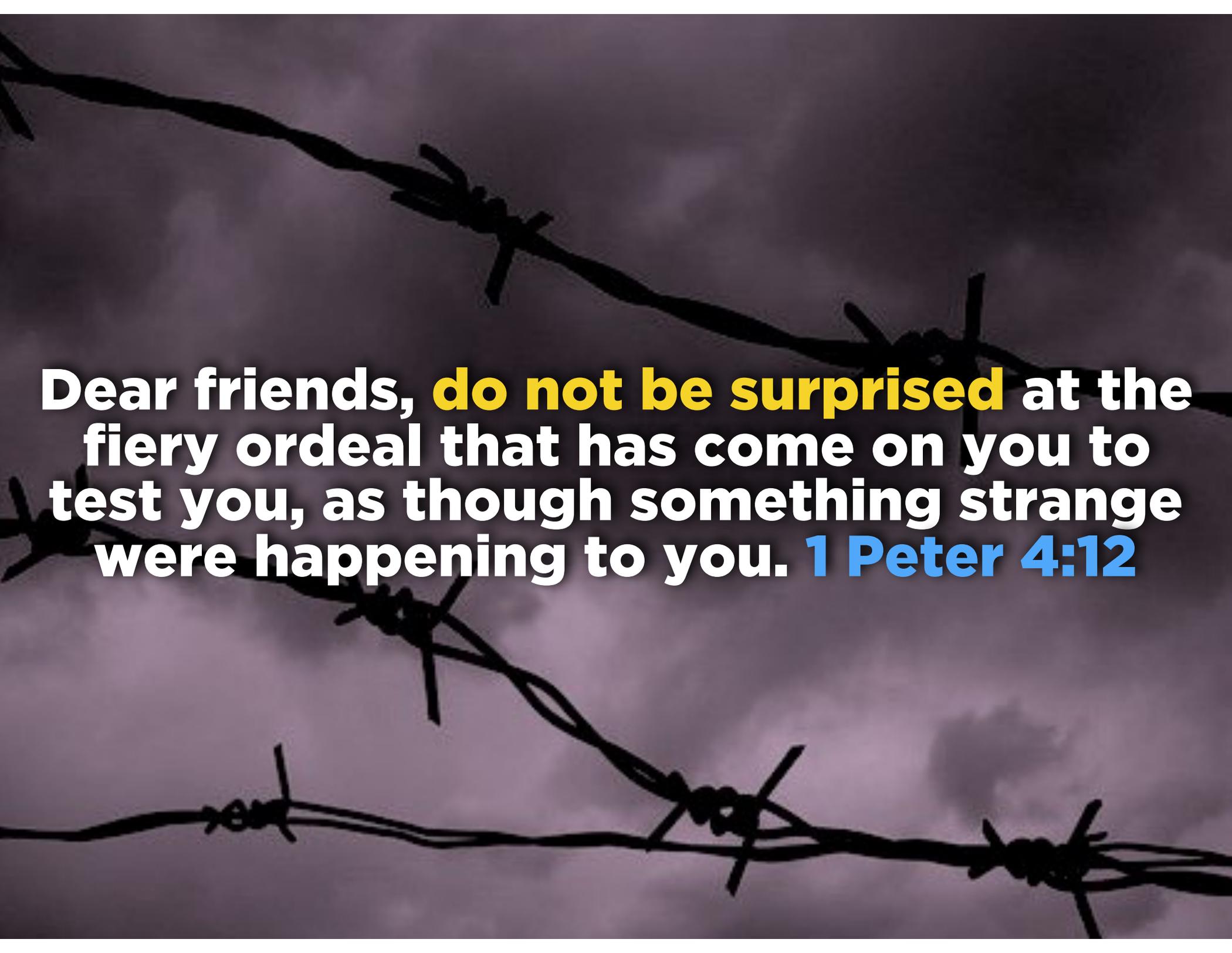
**At the end of the Beatitudes  
lies persecution in this life**



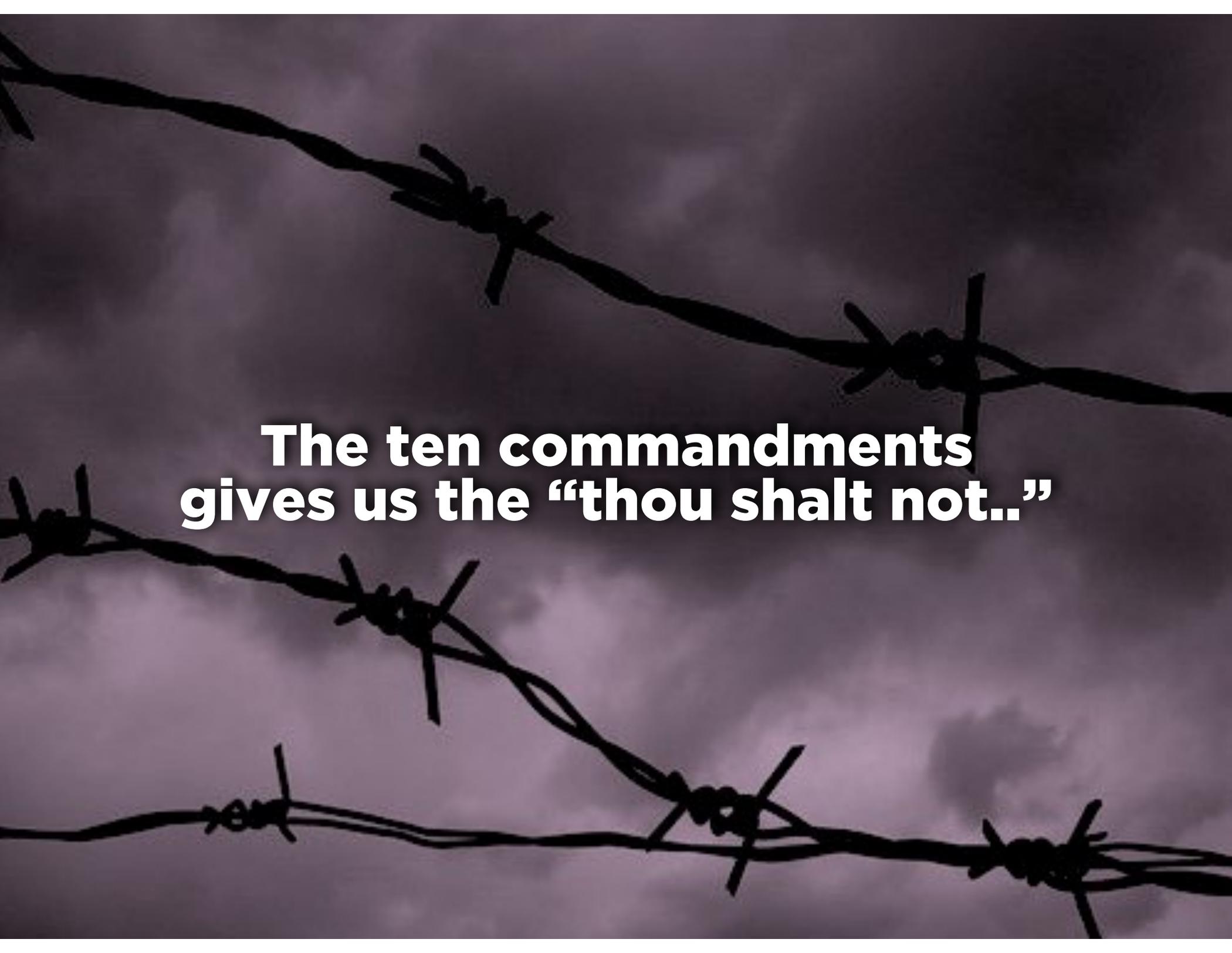
**Persecution is the purifying process for the believer. But the previous steps have prepared the disciple for this eventuality**



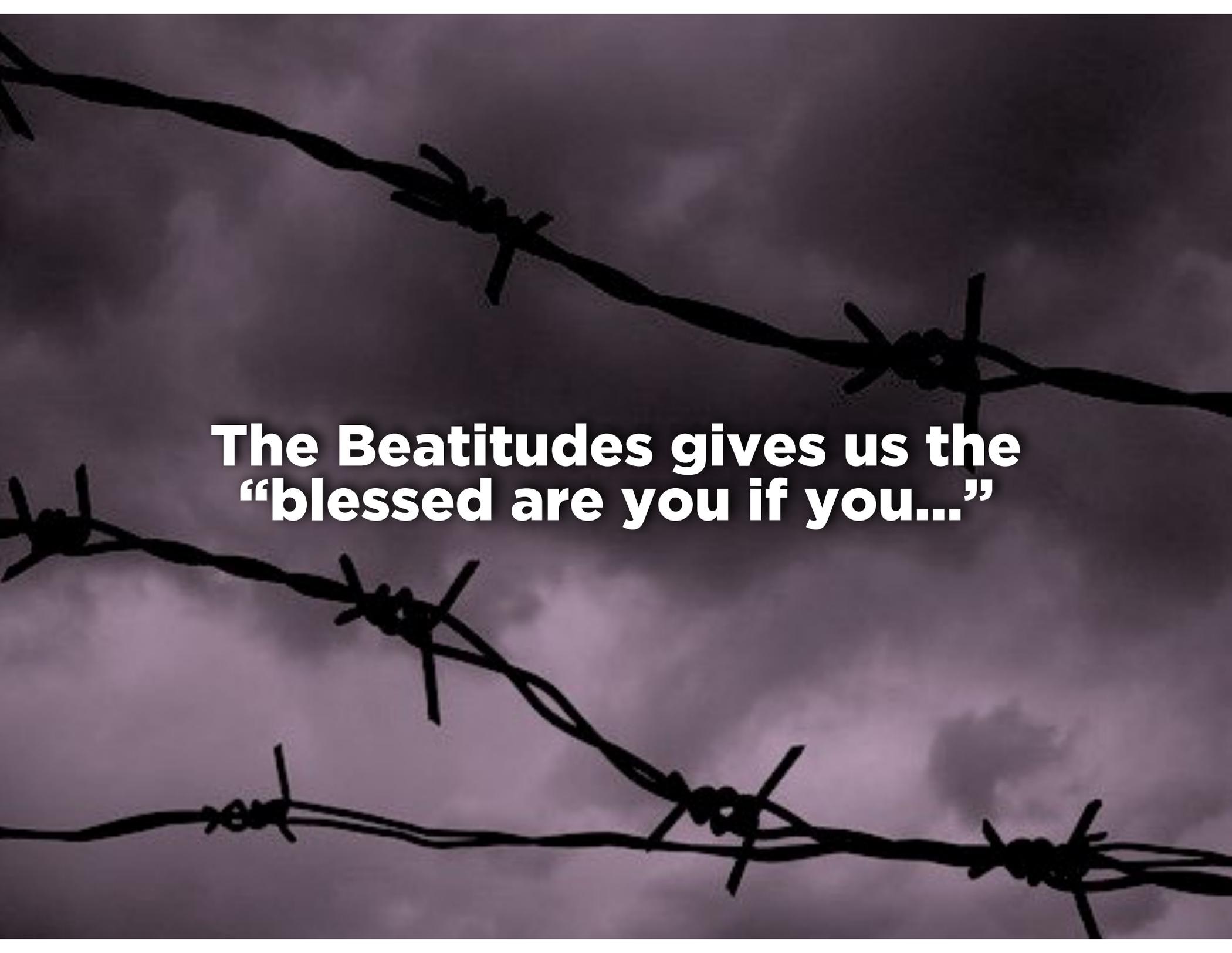
**“Those who live righteously will inevitably be persecuted for it. **Godliness generates hostility and antagonism from the world.** The crowning feature of the happy person is persecution! Kingdom people are rejected people. Holy people are singularly blessed, but they pay a price for it.” **MacArthur Commentary****



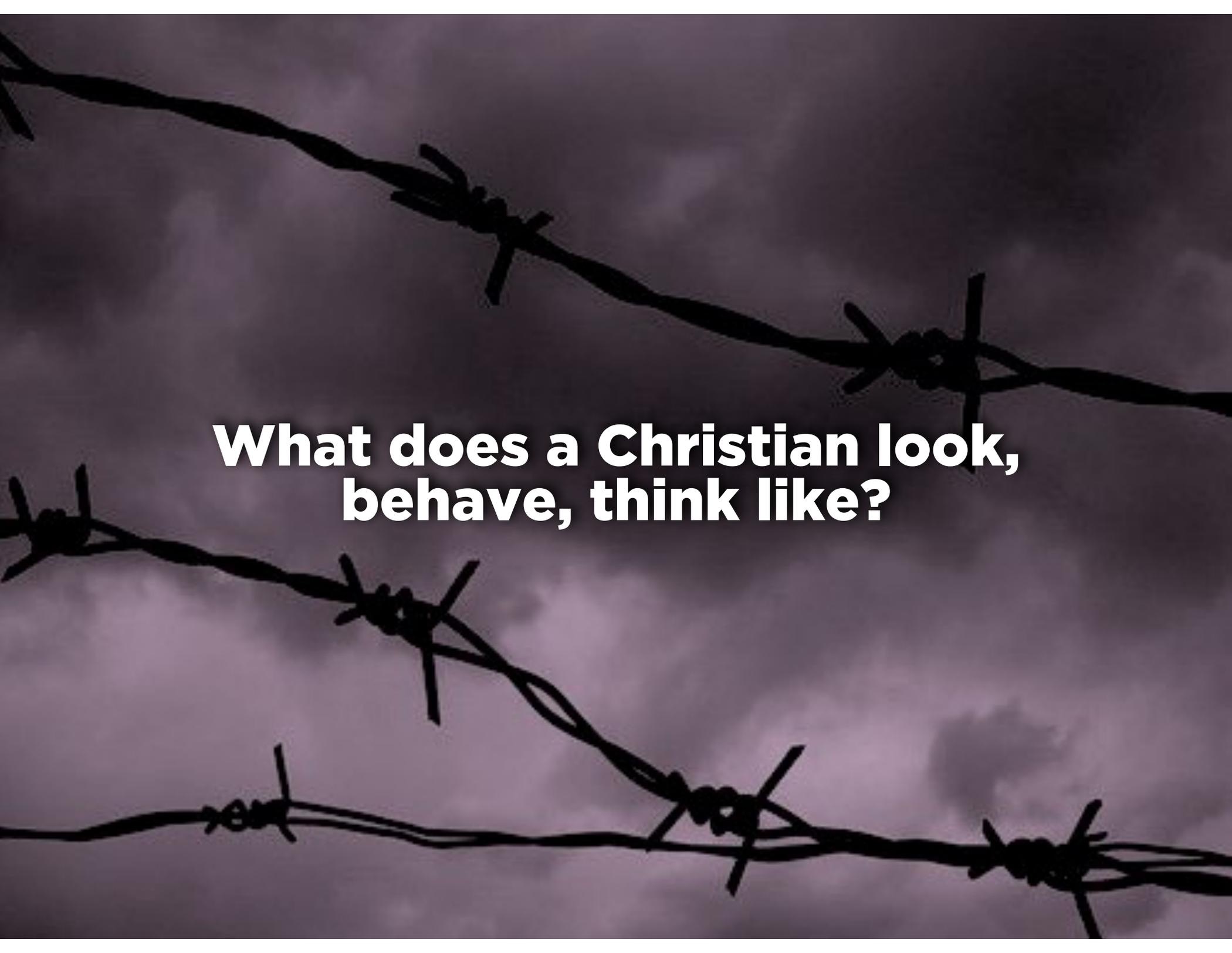
Dear friends, **do not be surprised** at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. **1 Peter 4:12**



**The ten commandments  
gives us the “thou shalt not..”**



**The Beatitudes gives us the  
“blessed are you if you...”**



**What does a Christian look,  
behave, think like?**

# Step 1

**Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs  
is the kingdom of heaven **Matthew 5:3****

**We recognize our spiritual  
poverty and release our pride to  
receive something greater**

## Step 2

**Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. vs 4**

**Realization of our past haunts us, the wasted opportunities. But God comforts us by His grace, calls us to something greater than our past, our future in Him**

## **Step 3**

**Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. vs 5**

**A quiet determined strength  
and then a new mission**

## Step 4

**Blessed are those who hunger  
and thirst for righteousness, for  
they will be filled. vs 6**

**Our appetites are redirected. We  
are filled with the good of God**

## Step 5

**Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. vs 7-8**

**Mercy is the mission of the church. We are purified by this and in this manner we see God in the world around us**

## Step 6

**Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. vs 9**

**We are given our new mission. To help those around us to be reconciled to God. This earns us the right to be called children of God**

## Step 7

**Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. vs 10**

**And finally, as we live like this we are prepared to encounter hostility**



**Humility-Poor**  
**Mission-Comfort**  
**Strength-Meek**  
**Appetites-Hunger**

**Inner  
Transformation**

**Compassion-Mercy**

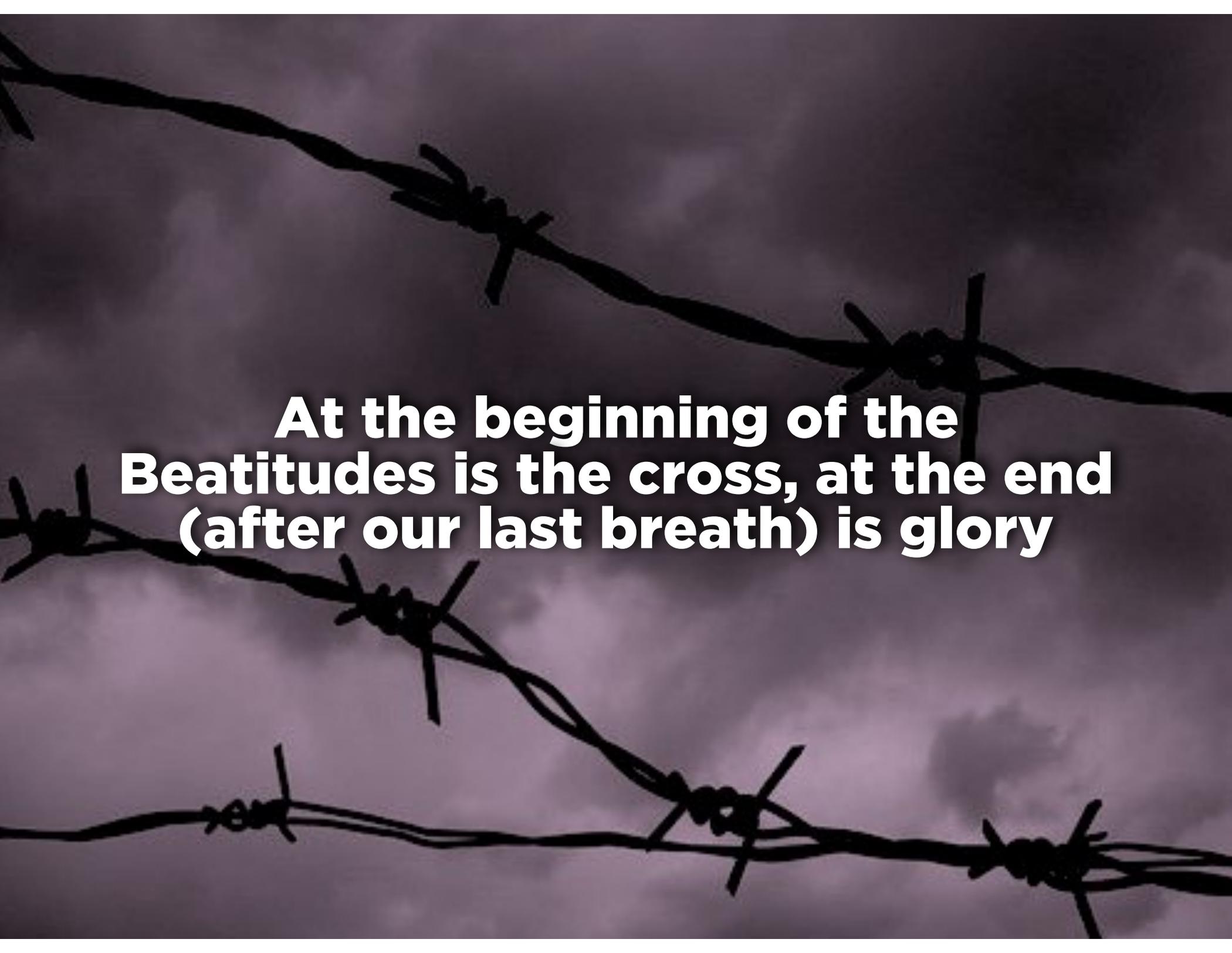
**Action**

**Ambassador-Peacemaker**

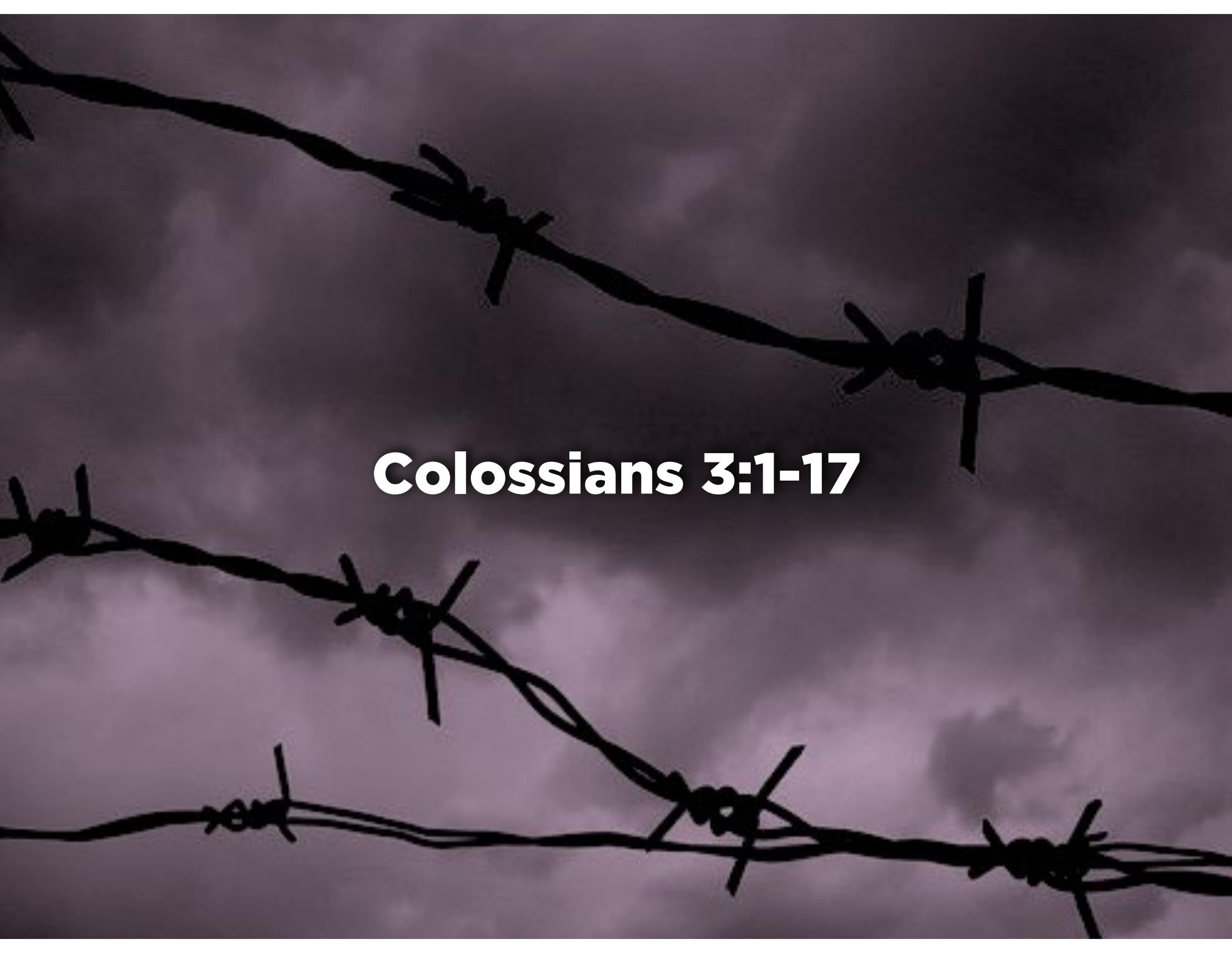
**Gospel  
Orientation**

**Promise-Persecuted**

**Refinement**



**At the beginning of the  
Beatitudes is the cross, at the end  
(after our last breath) is glory**



**Colossians 3:1-17**