

## **Living In Chairō (Khah' Ee Ro)**

Rejoice = (Gk - Chairō) Be exceedingly glad, be well, thrive, to experience and be aware of God's favor (Grace)

Mark 10:29-31

29 "Truly I tell you," Jesus replied, "no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel  
30 will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life.

31 But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

Matthew 5:10-12

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

11 "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.

12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

*1. WHAT? ...What is Jesus talking about?*

Persecution = being harassed, mistreated or abused

*2. WHO? ...Who is Jesus talking about?*

2 Timothy 3:12, NLT - "Everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution."

*3. WHY? Why is there persecution?*

John 15:18-19 (The Message) - "If you find the godless world is hating you, remember it got its start hating me. If you lived on the world's terms, the world would love you as one of its own. But since I picked you to live on God's terms and no longer on the world's terms, the world is going to hate you."

Galatians 1:10 - "I'm not trying to win the approval of people, but of God. If pleasing people were my goal, I would not be Christ's servant."

Romans 12:2, NLT - "Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think."

John 15:19 NLT - "The world would love you as one of its own if you belonged to it, but you are no longer part of the world. I chose you to come out of the world, (to not be like the world) so it hates you."

## **1. You will be greatly rewarded if you suffer because of your faith in Jesus!**

Matthew 10:32 NLT - Everyone who acknowledges me publicly here on earth, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven."

1 Peter 1:5-7

5 who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

6 In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.

7 These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

## **2. If you're being persecuted because of righteousness, you're doing something right!**

Phil. 3:4-9

4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

5 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.

6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

9 Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.