## Matthew 5:10-11

Blessed Are You

## Christ's disciples ...

- I. Follow Jesus
  - A. Know the Value
  - B. Count the Cost
- II. Witnesses to Our World
  - A. Be Faithful
  - B. Be Prepared
  - C. Be Courageous
- III. The Kingdom is Yours
  - A. Rejoice
  - B. Persevere
- ... at any cost.

## Children, Listen ...

- 1. When Jesus walked the earth, did everyone love Him?
- 2. Does Jesus ever tell people that if they follow Him people with love them?
- 3. How is it possible that Christian can rejoice if they suffer for their faith?
- 4. Why is it that believers don't need to fear the anger of people who hate them?
- 5. Will you take a moment today to pray for children in the world who are hated because they love Jesus?

## **Bible Martyrs for Christ**

Today we begin a new evening service series that will highlight Biblical Martyrs. Many have given their lives in service to Christ in the past, many still do today. We will explore God's Word together to discover God's profound purpose behind His people's suffering for the faith and how He is glorified through the faithful witness of those willing to be persecuted for righteousness' sake. I appreciate your continued prayers for the preaching and teaching ministry of our church especially as I undertake this weighty series. More importantly remember to pray for our brothers and sisters around the world who are targeted by those who hate their Lord and hate them.