

Palmetto Baptist Church – *January 8, 2012*  
Blessed are the Persecuted – *Matthew 5:10-12*

## **Inside the Text**

### **I. Persecution is the natural result of a Spirit-filled life.**

- A. Expect persecution to come.
  
- B. Embrace persecution as part of God's plan.

### **II. Persecution has value only when connected to Christ.**

- A. Christ has a standard for you to uphold. (vs. 10)
  
- B. Christ has a reputation for you to defend. (vs. 11)
  
- C. Christ has an example for you to follow. (vs. 12)

## **Apply the Text**

- Rejoice in God's plan to allow you to suffer persecution.
- Live a life worthy of suffering for the sake of Christ.
- Hope in God's promise to uphold you in the midst of suffering.
- Pray for the persecuted church.