

## "WILL THERE BE REWARDS IN HEAVEN?" (Unexpected Ways to be Blessed - Four)

**Introduction:** The Bible says there will be rewards in Heaven (*II Corinthians 5:10*). Some will have no rewards (*I Corinthians 3:11-15*). Some will "lose" their reward (*II John 8*). Some will have "great" rewards. (*Matthew 5:11-12*)

### I. BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS...

*\*Matthew 5:9*

*\*Matthew 5:14-16*

*\*Luke 10:1*

*\*Luke 10:17*

*\*I Corinthians 3:6*

*\*I Corinthians 3:8-9*

*\*James 5:19-20*

*\*I Thessalonians 2:19-20*

*\*Daniel 12:2-3*

*\*Matthew 10:41-42*

1. God uses people to bring sinners to God!

**Note:** God gives joy to believers who help others to be at peace with God!

2. God can transform sinners to become a blessing to others!

**Note:** God changed Onesimus; Saul of Tarsus; Mary Magdalene; Rahab...

### II. BLESSED ARE THE PERSECUTED...

*\*Matthew 5:10-12*

*\*Philippians 1:28-29*

*\*II Timothy 3:12*

*\*John 15:20*

*\*Colossians 3:1-2*

1. Persecution confirms your salvation!
2. Persecution initiates you into a spiritually elite company!

**Remember:** Stephen was stoned; Paul was incarcerated and beheaded; John the Baptist was beheaded; James was beheaded; John the Beloved wrote Revelation in exile; John Huss was burned to death; William Carey was not supported by his own church and mission society; Martin Luther was ex-communicated; Isaiah was sawed in half...

3. Persecution adds to your eternal rewards in Heaven!

**Conclusion:** What will be your reward in Heaven? (*Revelation 2:10*)