

Today: Growing a Thicker Skin
Series: Needful Things
Text: Matthew 5:11-12, 44-45a; Romans 2:4
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Definition of Christian 'Thick Skin': Because Jesus covered all our offences, Christians can be the least _____ and least _____ people in the world, with the power to respond in _____ when our culture's outrage and the outrageous get under our skin.

Jesus adjusts our vision on a _____ being a "needful thing" is His last beatitude...

A world tour...to China...to Nigeria...to Finland...helps us see what's _____ & what's _____ in the Christian experience...

Two important reasons a thicker skin is a needful thing:

1. Jesus calls us to take responsibility through practicing _____ with _____ in a world where persecution is real.
2. We live in an age of _____ and our nation is _____.

Jesus' last beatitude teaches how to experience persecution on His account:

1. _____ It
2. _____ in It
3. _____ through It