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1 Thessalonians 5:16–18

¹⁶ Rejoice always,
¹⁷ pray without
ceasing, ¹⁸ in
everything give
thanks; for this is the
will of God in Christ
Jesus for you.

Philippians 4:6–7

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

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Matthew 26:26-28 (NKJV) [26] And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." Luke 22:19 *"This is My body which is*



given for you; do this in remembrance of Me." [27] Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. [28] "For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

1 Corinthians 11:25-26 ..*"This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."* [26] For

as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.



Acts 2:42 .And **they continued steadfastly** in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in **the breaking of bread**, and in prayers. Acts 20:7.. **on the first day of the week,** when the disciples came together to **break bread,..**

1 Corinthians 16:2

On the first day of every week each one of you is to put aside and save, as he may prosper, so that no collections be made when I come.



2 Corinthians 9:6-7

⁶ Now this *I say*, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each one *must do* just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

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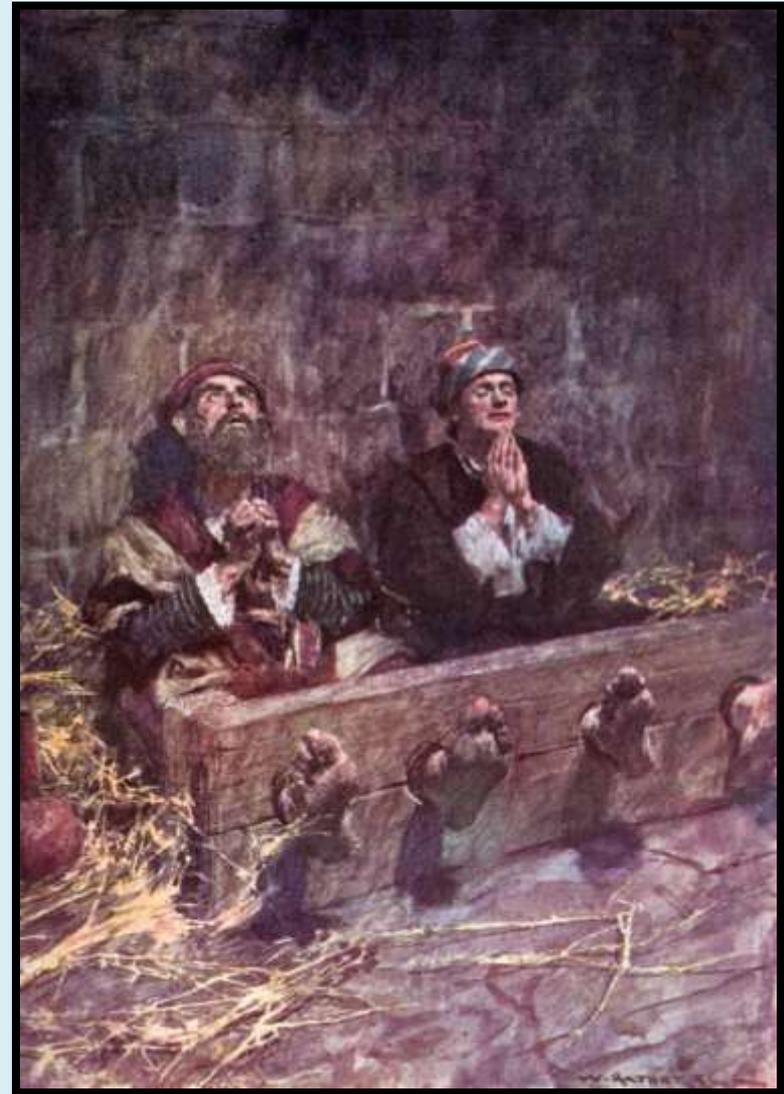
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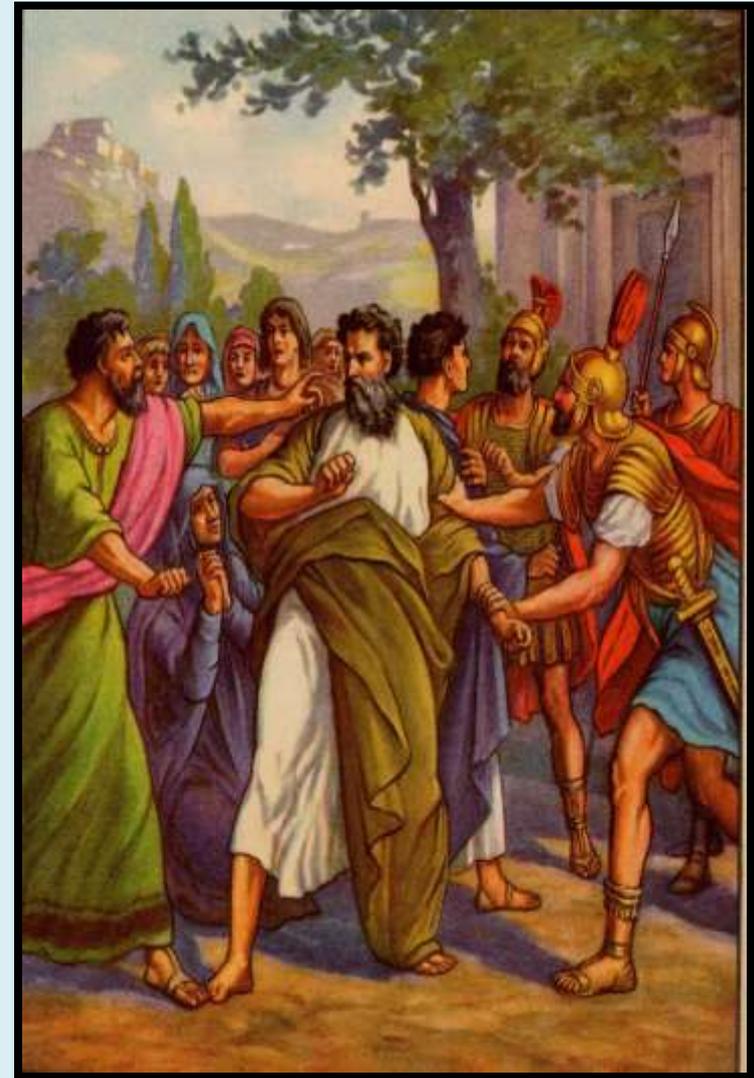


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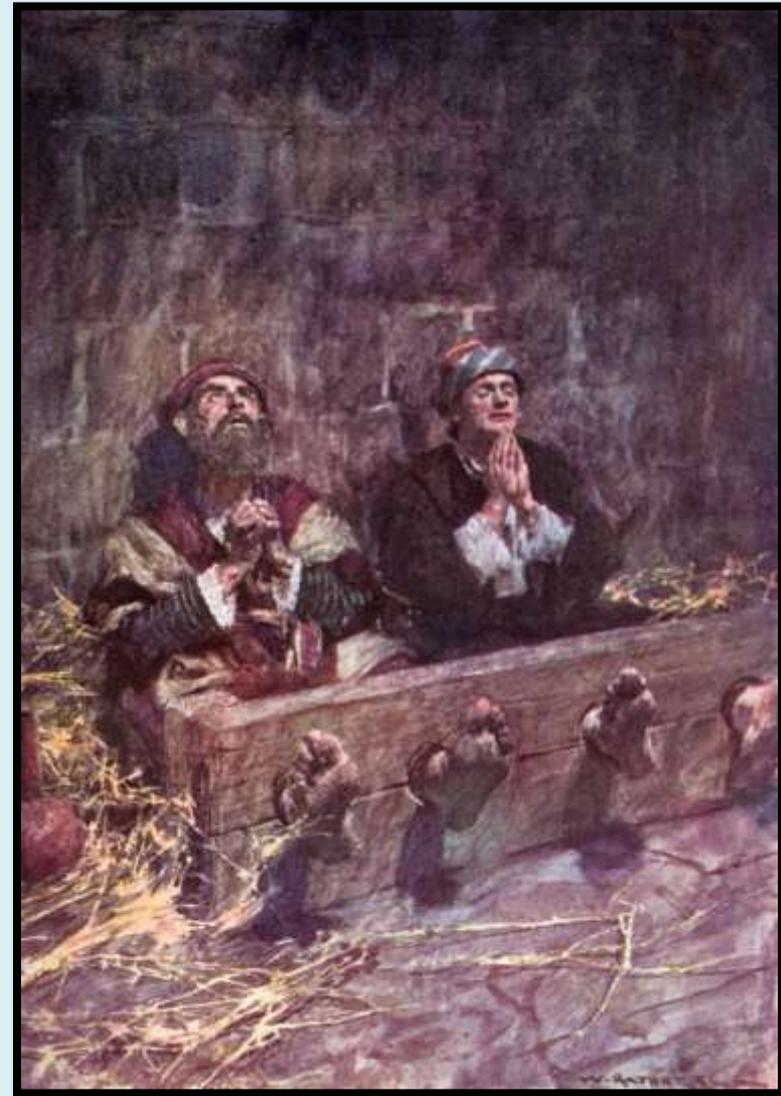


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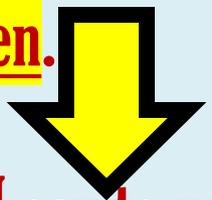
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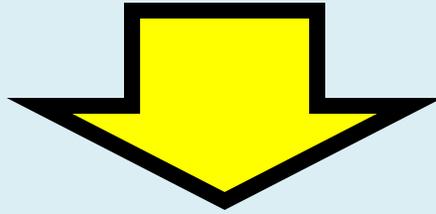
John 3:3, 5 ³ Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

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Mark 16:16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

Luke 8:12 Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then **the devil** comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.

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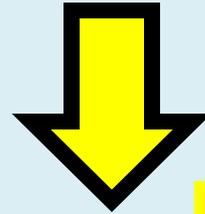
Mark 1:15 .. "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." Acts 2:38, Mark 16:16

Matthew 10:32 "Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven.

Romans 10:10, Acts 8:36-37

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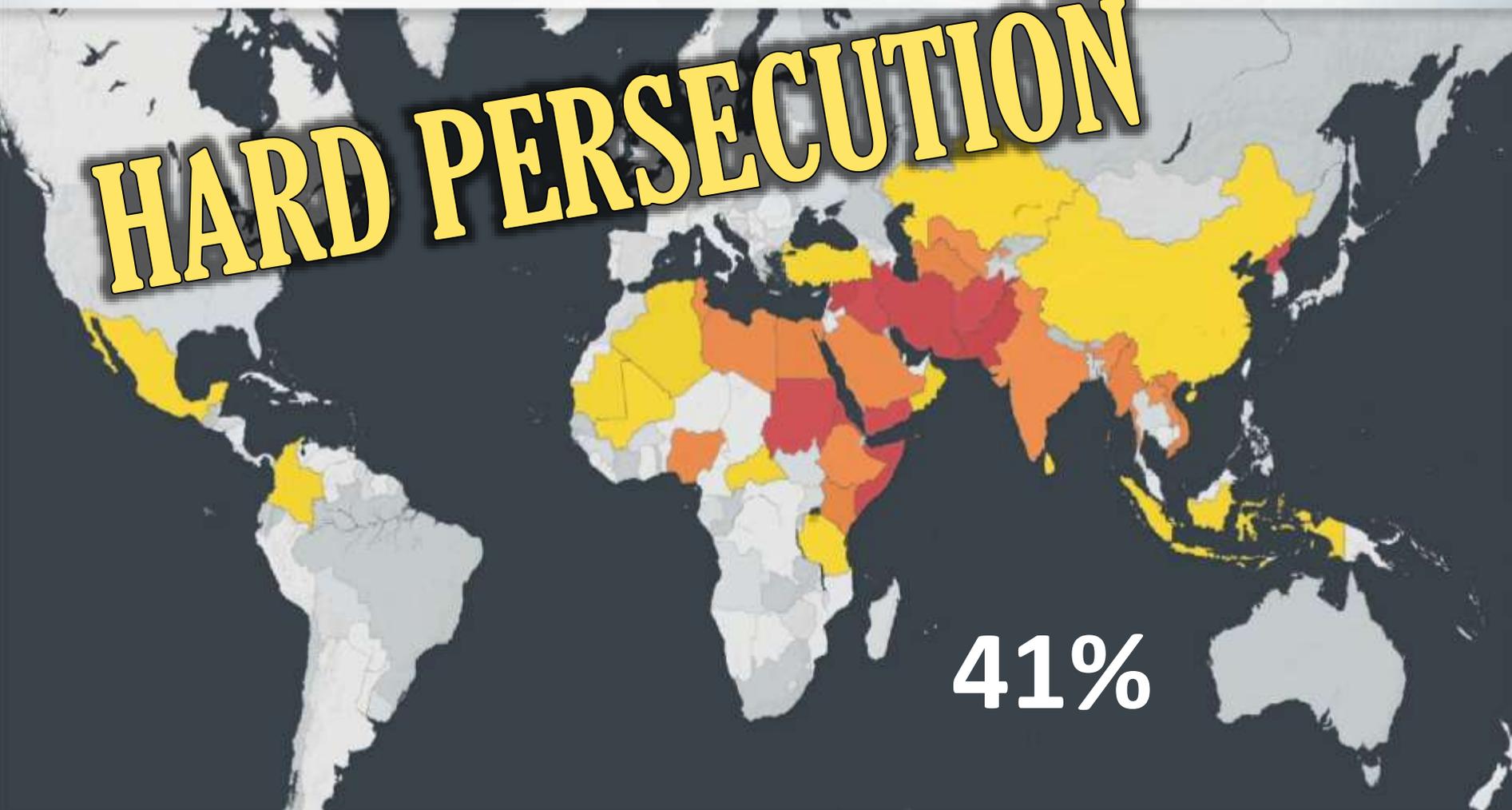
Revelation 2:10 ..Be faithful
until death, and I will give
you the crown of life.

THOSE WHO ARE PERSECUTED FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS' SAKE- PERSECUTED (NKJV)

PERSECUTION OF CHRISTIANS

SOURCE: OPEN DOORS

HARD PERSECUTION



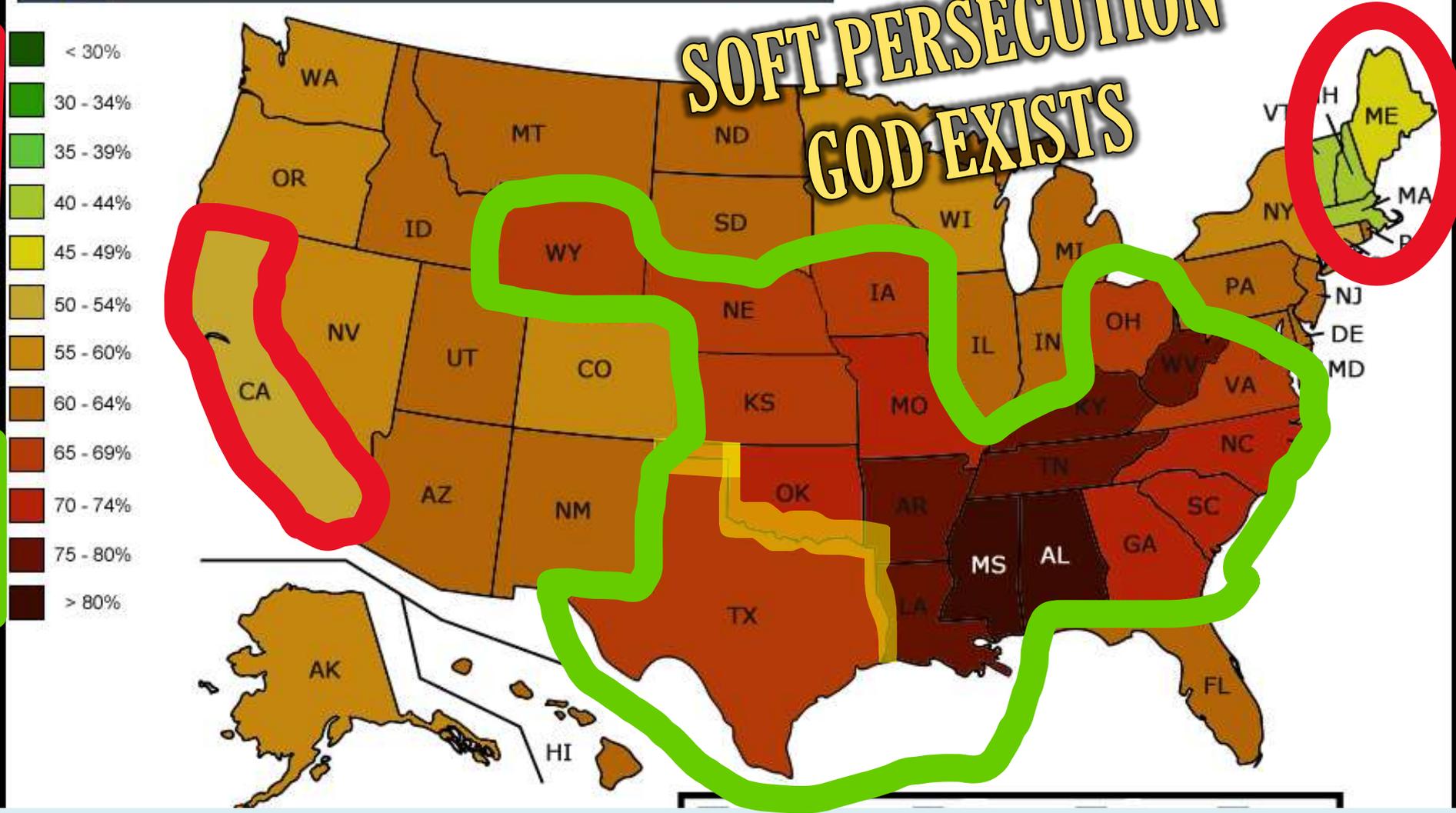
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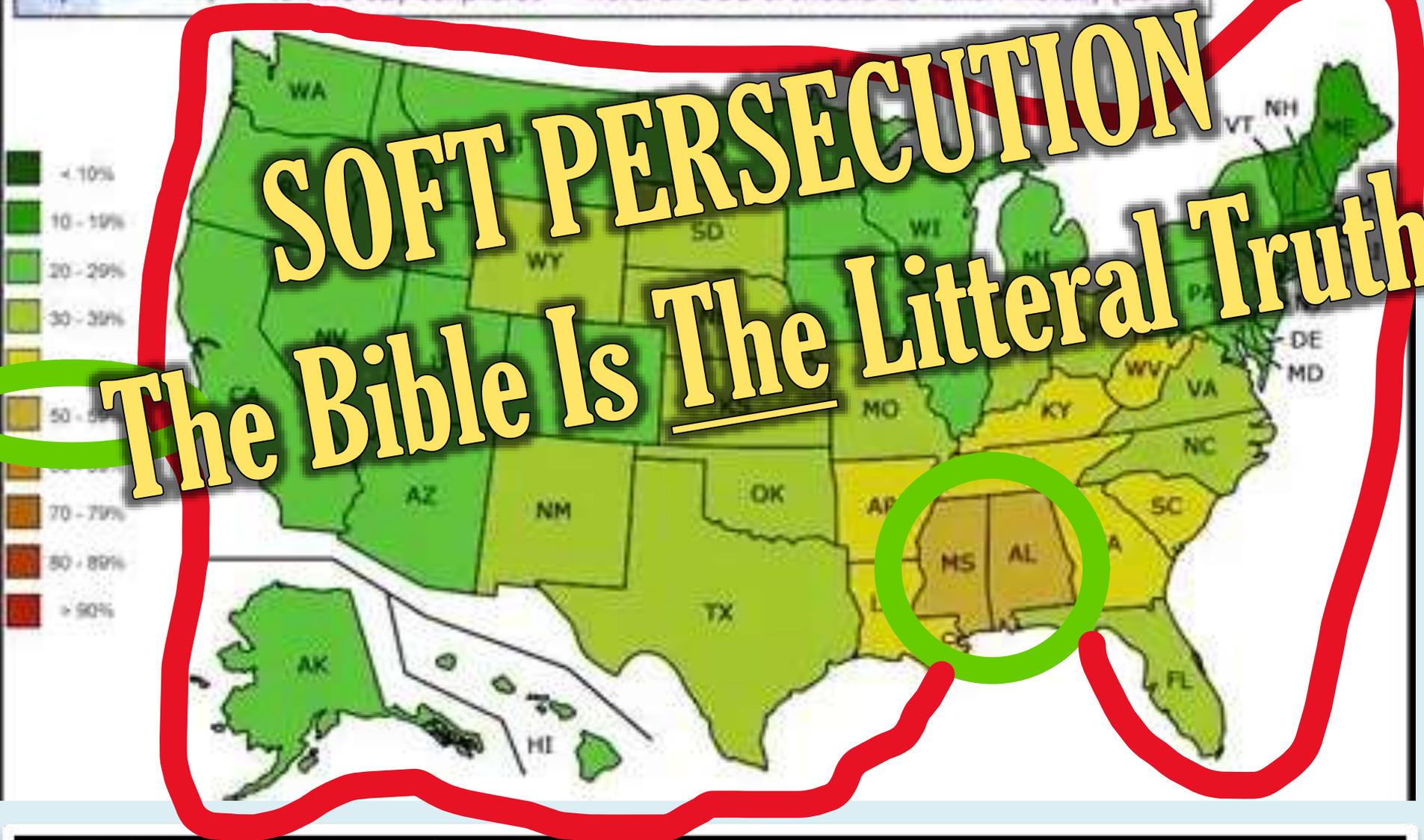
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Eupedia map of % of belief in God with certainty (2014)



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Eupedia map of % who say scriptures = word of God & should be taken literally (2014)



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Matthew 13, Mark 4, Luke 8

tribulation, persecution, temptation

the cares of this world

the deceitfulness of riches

the desires for other things

the pleasures of life

The State Of LGBTQ Education In The U.S.

SOFT PERSECUTION
Sexual perversion

Curricular laws concerning LGBTQ education in U.S. public schools (as of March 28, 2022)

- LGBTQ inclusion mandatory
- Opt-out possible
- LGBTQ inclusion prohibited
- No LGBTQ-specific laws



Florida also has a parental opt-out law passed prior to the recent prohibition of inclusion ("Don't Say Gay")

Source: Movement Advancement Project Equality Maps: LGBTQ Curricular Laws

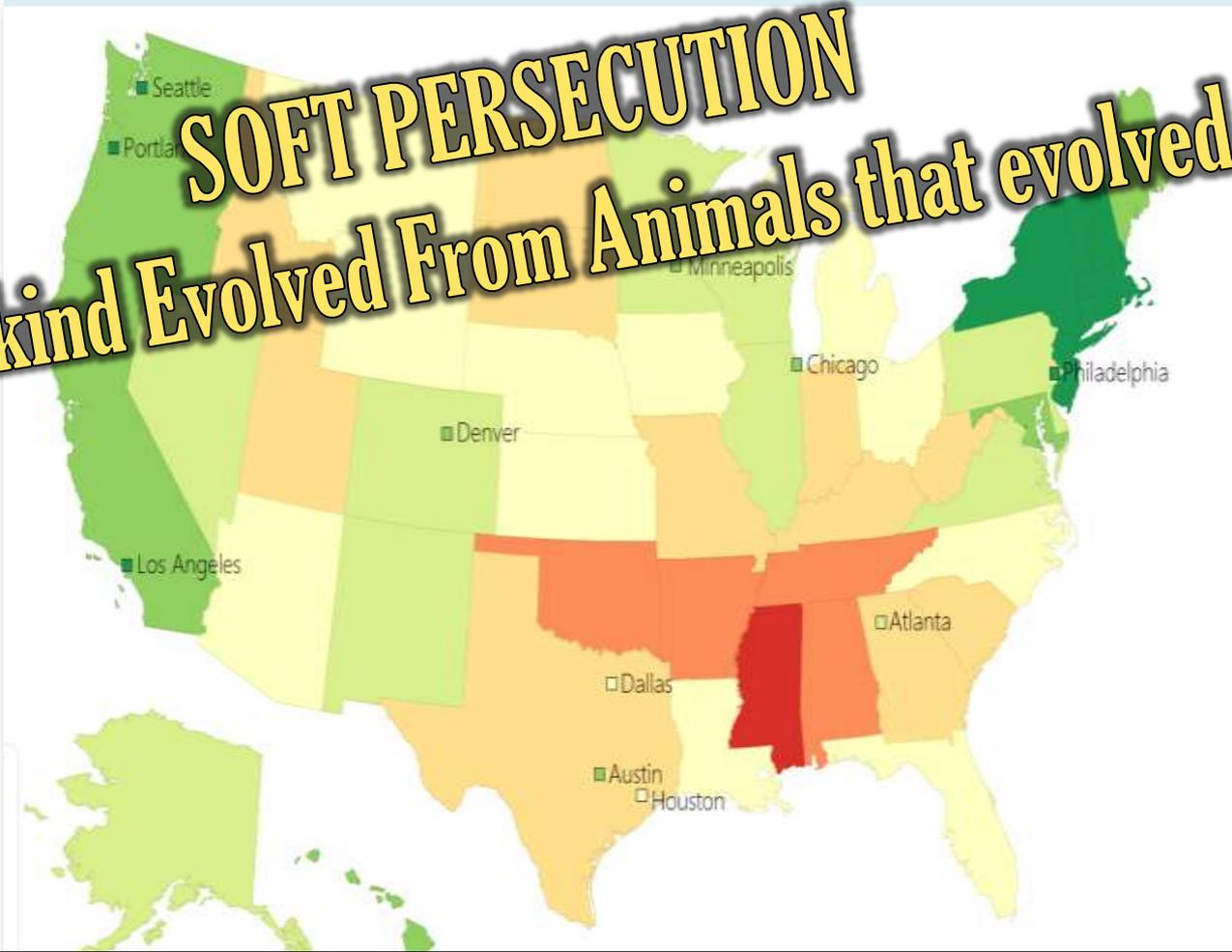


THOSE WHO ARE PERSECUTED FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS' SAKE- PERSECUTION (NKJV)

Population That Believes in the Theory of Evolution (%)

- Less than 50
- 50 - 55
- 55 - 60
- 60 - 65
- 65 - 70
- 70 - 75
- More than 75

Chart reflects the response to a poll conducted by sidevitr.com which featured over 9 million responses. The poll asked: "Do you believe the theory of Evolution?"



Not a raging storm but a slowly rising tide

THE SOFT PERSECUTION OF OUR SOCIETY- NOT A RAGING STORM WITH CRASHING WAVES BUT SLOWLY RISING WATERS.. (NKJV)

John 12:42–43 ⁴² Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue; ⁴³ for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

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1 Peter 4:3–5 ³ For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles—when **we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries.**

⁴ In regard to these, **they think it strange that you do not run with them**

in the same flood of dissipation, **speaking evil of you.**

⁵ They will give an account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.

THOSE WHO ARE PERSECUTED FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS' SAKE-

THE CHRISTIAN- LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE! (NKJV)

James 1:2–4

² My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials,

³ knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.

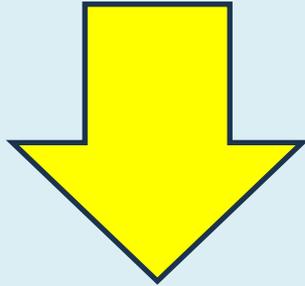
⁴ But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

Matthew 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

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**3 ... the poor in spirit 4 .. those who mourn 5 .. the meek..
6 .. those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.. 7 the
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