

“Blessed are you when men **hate** you,
and when they **exclude** you, and **revile**
you, and **cast out your name as evil**, for
the Son of Man’s sake” (Luke 6:22).

**“They will put you out of the synagogues;
yes, the time is coming that whoever kills
you will think that he offers God service”
(John 16:2).**

Examples

1. Happened to the blind man in John 9:34.
2. The blind man's parents feared being cast out of the synagogue, which is why they refused to confess Jesus (John 9:18–22).
3. Same with the rulers in John 12:42–43.

Forms of Exclusion

1. Excluded by people at work or school.
2. Excluded by “religious” people.
3. Excluded by family members.

Principles to Follow

1. Make sure it's "for the Son of Man's sake."
2. Maintain the right attitude toward those who exclude us.
3. Love the praise of God more than the praise of men.
4. Realize that while some have "cast us out," we are far from alone.
5. Hold fast to what is right, and we may just lead others to the Lord.
6. Look to the reward.

Conclusion

- “Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates **into the city**. **Outside** are the dogs and the sorcerers and the immoral person and the murderers and the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices lying” (Rev. 22:14–15).
- Better to left OUT now than left OUT then.
- The “in crowd” described in this passage—that’s the one I want to be a part of.