



HOW TO BE BLESSED BY GOD

The Beatitudes, part 2 | Pastor Matt McGill | 5/29/2022

#1 "Blessed are **the poor in spirit**, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Mt. 5:3)

#2 "Blessed are **those who mourn**, for they will be comforted." (Mt. 5:4)

#3 "Blessed are **the meek**, for they will inherit the earth." (Mt. 5:5)

#4 "Blessed are those **who hunger and thirst for righteousness**, for they will be filled." (Mt. 5:6)

keyword

REPENT

RISK

RESIST

REORGANIZE

#5 Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

(Matthew 5:7)

keyword: Reflect

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

(Ephesians 4:32)

#6 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

(Matthew 5:8)

keyword: Root

"Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it."

(Proverbs 4:23)

#7 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

(Matthew 5:9)

keyword: Respond

"Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness."

(James 3:18)

#8 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

(Matthew 5:10)

keyword: Remember

You, however, know all about my ... persecutions, sufferings ... Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted" (2 Timothy 3:10-12)

GROW GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

A Grow Group is 8-16 people who get together weekly to study God's word and the previous Sunday's message. There is a time of discussion, support, encouragement, and learning how the message applies to daily life. To learn more or join a group, visit pacificcoastchurch.org/gg/ or sign up at the patio Info Kiosk.

Point #1: Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. (Mt. 5:7)

Describe a time when someone showed you mercy or forgiveness. How did that make an impact on you?

OPTIONAL: Is there someone with whom you need to show mercy?

Point #2: Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. (Mt. 5:8)

In your opinion, what's the connection between having a pure heart and seeing God? How is it difficult for a person with an impure heart to see God? Be specific and offer examples.

Point #3: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. (Mt. 5:9)

What is your response or approach to handling the conflicts of others?

Point #4: Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (Mt. 5:10)

WARNING: TOUGH QUESTION! Describe a time when you made a decision based on the possibility that you might face criticism or rejection for what you believe.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

These are provided for mid-week personal spiritual growth. Prayerfully writing out your answers will help you experience real-life transformation as you dig deeper into the spiritual truths of God's Word and last Sunday's message. A downloadable PDF of this document is also available each week at pacificcoastchurch.org/sermons.

MONDAY // Read Matthew 5:3-10

- What are your initial thoughts on the beatitudes? Which one is most encouraging to you? Which one is most challenging?
- What are some unhealthy ways you pursue happiness?
- What are some specific ways you can pursue happiness according to Jesus' teachings?

TUESDAY // Read Matthew 5:7, Ephesians 2:8-10, Ephesians 4:32

- When is it most difficult to show mercy and forgiveness to others? When does showing mercy come naturally?
- Where do you need to show others more grace? What are the "good works" God is calling you to do?

WEDNESDAY // Read Matthew 5:8, Proverbs 4:23, Psalm 24:3-4

- What situations are most challenging for you to maintain your purity? What are some habits you can develop to gain a pure heart
- Psalm 24 tells us that people with a pure heart can "ascend" the mountain of God so that they can see him. What does this Scripture teach about purity? Where do these impure actions show up in your life?

THURSDAY // Read Matthew 5:9, James 3:18, Romans 12:17-21, Galatians 2:11-14

- What is your response or approach to handling the conflicts of others?
- Peter's (Cephas) hypocrisy led others away from God and created conflict. How did Paul address the situation? How does this apply to our lives today?

FRIDAY // Read Matthew 5:10, 2 Timothy 3:10-12, 2 Corinthians 4:7-12

- Describe a time when you were persecuted, rejected, or slandered because of your faith in Jesus.
- How can you use persecution to deepen your faith?

SATURDAY // Read Romans 4:4-8, Matthew 5:3-10

- How is a person "credited righteousness"? What's the connection between works and trust?
- How does the beatitude in Romans 4 compare with the beatitudes in Matthew 5?
- Look back to the commitment you made on Monday, how well did you do this week?

MEDITATION VERSE

"Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord will never count against them." (Romans 4:7-8)