

call to the word / Matt 5:11-16

"Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.

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Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.











introduction

"The church was born in the midst of an empire that was hostile to it, yet it grew with a speed and fervor that changed the Roman world and ultimately the entire world because of the faith and dedication of the apostles." - Shelly

Brokenness

Spiritual bankruptcy... you have nothing when it comes to commending yourself to God...

Luke 5:4-8

Mat 26:75

"Depart from me, for a sinful man I am, Lord."

Mat 4:23 – 5:9

Peter, overwhelmed by Jesus' holiness and power, feels his unworthiness and sinfulness so deeply that he asks Jesus to leave him.

"...went out and wept bitterly."

Mat 4:23 – 5:9

...a sharp, painful, intense emotion... Genuine remorse and repentance, not just sorrow for consequences.

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"Blessed (Makarios) happy, in a position to receive divine favor"

5:4

Mourning: Godly Grief

5:5

Meek: surrendered strength

5:6

Desperate Desire: Craving God's justice, purity, and presence—not just knowledge

Brokenness

...the shattering of my self-will and the absolute surrender of my will to the will of God.

God uses broken things. It takes broken soil to produce a crop, broken clouds to give rain, broken grain to give bread, broken bread to give strength. It's the broken alabaster box that gives forth perfume. (Havner)

5:7

Mat 4:23 – 5:9

Once someone truly comprehends the extent of the mercy they have received, they begin to extend that mercy to others... they become actively compassionate.

5:8

Mat 4:23 – 5:9

"Pure in heart" – inner clarity... and awareness of the presence of God and purposes of God

5:9

"Peacemaker"

Mat 4:23 – 5:9

A bridge-builder in a divided world, showing how sinful man can be reconciled to a Holy God

Mat 5:10-11

Reviled: verbal abuse

Persecuted: chased, oppressed, harassed

Slandered: injustice

"rejoice and be exceedingly glad"

Actively rejoice as you endure suffering for Christ's sake for the promising joy and reward in the eternal kingdom.

Acts 16:22-25

Mat 5:12

Light Exposes Darkness Eph 5:8-11

Mat 5:12

John 3:19 "...men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil."

John 15:18-20

Mat 5:12

attitude / mat 5:5

Meek – humble, teachable and gentle

It embodies the concept of power under control or strength harnessed with gentleness.

Mat 26:63

"But Jesus kept silent"

"...inherit the earth"

attitude / mat 5:5

"The meek of England, driven by their native land by religious intolerance, have inherited the continent of America." (Bruce) hunger & thirst / mat 5:6

"righteousness"

This refers to an individual's desire to live in accordance with God's will and to lead a life that reflects Christian virtues, such as honesty, integrity, compassion, and humility.

An inward transformation that leads to outward actions.

hunger & thirst / mat 5:6

"filled"

it will satisfy their hunger and thirst for a right relationship with God and further His desire for true justice.

As for me, I will see Your face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied when I awake in Your likeness. Ps 17:15

For He satisfies the longing soul, And fills the hungry soul with goodness. Ps 107:9

merciful / mat 5:7

"merciful"

Being "merciful" emphasizes an active, compassionate response toward others, implying both emotional and practical support.

merciful / mat 5:7

"receiving mercy"

1Sam 26:7-11

Once someone really understands how much grace they've been shown, they start extending that grace to others. They become merciful, not judgmental

"pure of heart"

being "pure of heart" was all about being real and honest. It meant your thoughts and intentions were clear and straightforward—no hidden tricks or deceit.

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"...see God"

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- 2Peter 1:3-4

"...peacemakers"

 Being a peacemaker is not just keeping the peace—but making peace between people and God...

• 2Cor 5:17-21

• "It is the devil who is a troublemaker; it is God who loves reconciliation and who now through his children, as formerly through his only begotten Son, is bent on making peace." (Stott)

"...Sons of God"

- Mat 16:13-18; Mat 28:19-20
- Gates of Hell... will not stand against the church because the church is made up of heavenly warriors who are peacemakers... reconcilers between God and man...who have connected with God's purposes to...

ripple effect / mat 5:8

The Blueprint

The person who discovers their spiritual bankruptcy, mourns over it, adopts a meek attitude, hungers and thirsts for righteousness, becomes actively compassionate, has a purified heart and understands God purposes and become peacemakers... become world transformers.

The Blueprint

ripple effect / mat 5:8

Jesus wasn't just giving a list of nice traits in the Beatitudes—He was describing a revolution of the heart that, when lived out, changes the world.

