

CORINTH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

THE BEATITUDES OF JESUS CHRIST (Part 2)

INTRODUCTION:

- A. **The Beatitudes of Jesus Christ are listed at the introduction of His Sermon on the Mount as recorded in Matthew 5:3-12. The aforementioned Biblical passage list nine Beatitudes of Christ.**
- B. **Beatitudes refers to a state of great joy, being supremely blessed, fortunate and happy or the joy of Heaven. Beatitudes are Blessings made by Christ along with the promises of future rewards.**
- C. **“The Beatitudes don’t say, “Blessed is what you have,” or Blessed is what you do,” but instead they tell us, “Blessed is what your are.” All of us are going to die, you’ll leave behind all that you have and all that you have done, and you’ll take with you all that you are.” – (Pastor Adrian Rogers)**
- D. **“The Beatitudes describe the Blessedness of those who have certain qualities or experiences peculiar to those belonging to the Kingdom of Heaven” – (Anonymous)**
- E. **“The Beatitudes are the Attitudes – What we think in our hearts, our outlook on life – that are in our lives as Believers.” (Warren W. Wiersbe)**

PROPOSITION:

In our last Bible Study, we examined the first four Beatitudes of Jesus Christ:

- (1) Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven;
- (2) Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted;
- (3) Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth; and
- (4) Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

In Part 2 of this lesson, we will cover the remaining five Beatitudes of Jesus Christ:

- (5) Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy;
- (6) Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God;
- (7) Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God;
- (8) Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven;
- (9) Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake; Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

Each Beatitude consist of a Condition and a Blessing

V. THE FIFTH BEATITUDE

“Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy” (Matt 5:7).

A. The Condition

To be “merciful: is to have a forgiving spirit and to be actively compassionate. It means to withhold punishment from offenders who deserve it. It is having a tender heart toward others – praying, caring, helping, and meeting the needs of others who cannot help themselves.

B. The Blessing

The Blessing for being merciful is that the Believer “shall obtain mercy.” The Blessing of being merciful.

1. **The Believer is given the mercy of God – Forgiveness of Sin**
 - “With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful; with an upright man thou wilt shew thyself upright” (Psalm 18:25).
2. **The Believer does good to his own soul.**
 - “He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will he pay him again” (Prov 19:17).
3. **The Believer behaves like God Himself**
 - “Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful” (Luke 6:36).

POINTS TO PONDER:

1. **God showed mercy in sparing us from the judgment which our sins deserved and in demonstrating kindness to us through the Saving Grace of Christ. We imitate Christ when we have compassion. Always, be merciful to others.**
 - “And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you” (Eph 4:32).
2. **Be merciful towards others and expect nothing in return.**
 - **Pay For The Eggs**
Charles Spurgeon and his wife, according to a story in the Chaplain magazine, would sell, but refused to give away, the eggs their chickens laid. Even close relatives were told, "You may have them if you pay for them." As a result, some people labeled the Spurgeons greedy and grasping. They accepted the criticisms without defending themselves, and only after Mrs. Spurgeon died was the full story revealed. All the profits from the sale of eggs went to support two elderly widows. Because the Spurgeon's were unwilling to let their left hand know what the right hand was doing, they endured the attacks in silence.

The Spurgeons were not seeking the praises of men (John 12:43; Eph 6:6-8). As Believers, make sure our mercy is of God – “... whatsoever, ye do, do all to the Glory of God” (1 Cor 10:31).

VI. THE SIXTH BEATITUDE

“Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God” (Matt 5:8).

A. The Condition

To be “pure in heart” means to have a clean heart – it is unsoiled, unmixed, undivided, unpolluted, and not wicked nor evil. It is a holy heart with the focus of Glorifying God. The Believer with a pure heart lives a clean Christian life.

- “⁴ He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart, who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. ⁵ He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation (Ps 24:4-5).
- “O Jerusalem, wash thine heart from wickedness, that thou mayest be saved. How long shall thy vain thoughts lodge within thee?” (Jer 4:14).
- “Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless” (2 Pet 3:14).

B. The Blessing

The Blessing for “the pure in heart” is the assurance that “they shall see God” in the flesh when Jesus comes again. Believers will see God in the flesh eternally.

POINTS TO PONDER:

1. To be Pure in Heart – always guard your heart – so that you have a clear conscience and godly motives.

- “Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life” (Prov 4:23).
- “Teach me thy way, O Lord; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name” (Ps 86:11).
- “²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: ²⁴ And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting” (Ps 139:23-24).

2. Stay Pure

There was a squadron of men in S.E. Asia who got involved in every form of wickedness possible. Every time they had leave, they would go to the bars and houses of prostitution. One man said, "I have a girl back home. I love her. I'm going to save myself for her." The men became filled with disease except for this one man. When he saw his bride-to-be, he was so glad he had been faithful. One day soon, we will marry Jesus! Keep yourself pure and unspotted. – (Dr. Paul Chappell)

VII. THE SEVENTH BEATITUDE

“Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God” (Matt 5:9).

A. The Condition

To be “Peacemakers” means to actively intervene to make peace between God and men; to resolve disagreements and erase divisions; to reconcile differences, eliminate strife, silence tongues, and build righteous relationships.

B. The Blessing

1. The Blessing for “Peacemakers” is that “they shall be called the children of God.”

We become “children of God” when we are saved because we are adopted into God’s family through our relationship with His Son, Jesus Christ.

- “⁵ To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. ⁶ And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father” (Gal 4:5-6).
 - “Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will” (Eph 1:5).
- #### **2. As Believers, we must seek to take positive action toward creating peace with all that we come in contact with.**
- “If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men” (Rom 12:18).

- “As Christians, we share the Gospel of Peace. We bring peace, between people and God and between those who are at odds with each other. Titus 3:3 describes this world at war. Christians have the Gospel of Peace on their feet, so that wherever they go, they bring Peace.” – (Warren W. Wiersbe)

POINT TO PONDER:

The Bible is clear that all people are created by God (Gen 1:27; Col 1:16) and that God loves the entire world (John 3:16). **However, only those who are born again are “Children of God.”**

- “But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name” (John 1:12).
- “And not for that nation only, but that also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad” (John 11:52).
- “The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God” (Rom 8:16)

VIII. THE EIGHTH BEATITUDE

“Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven” (Matt 5:10).

A. The Condition

“Persecuted for Righteous' Sake” refers to those who endure suffering for Christ – to be mocked, ridiculed, criticized, ostracized; to be treated with hostility; to be martyred for Christ’s sake.

B. The Blessing for those who are persecuted not for their own wrongdoings, but for righteousness’ sake is the promise of the Kingdom of Heaven for doing what is righteous.

IX. THE NINTH BEATITUDE

“¹¹ Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. ¹² Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you” (Matt 5:11-12).

A. The Condition

The Believer is reviled (insulted), persecuted and lied on and about for Christ’s sake.

B. The Blessings

The Blessing is that to suffer for Christ’s sake is a privilege that should cause joy – “rejoice and be exceedingly glad – because there awaits a great reward in Heaven.

The Crown of Life, also called the Martyr’s Crown (James 1:12; Rev 2:10), is bestowed to those who endured the testing of life and are faithful, God will give a reward. God’s children, past and present, have endured many trials and tribulations, even unto death for His name sake and God is keeping a record.

POINT TO PONDER:

As Believers, we must expect persecution if we are living according to God’s standard. We must be sure our persecution – suffering – is not due to our disobedience.

- “¹⁸ If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. ²² If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloak for their sin” (John 15:18, 22).
- “Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution” (2 Tim 3:12).
- “For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing” (1 Pet 3:17).
- “¹⁴ If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified. ¹⁵ But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters. ¹⁶ Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf” (1 Pet 4:14-16).
- See 2 Cor 11:16-33 – **Paul’s Many Trials**

MEMORY VERSE:

“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear” (1 Pet 3:15).

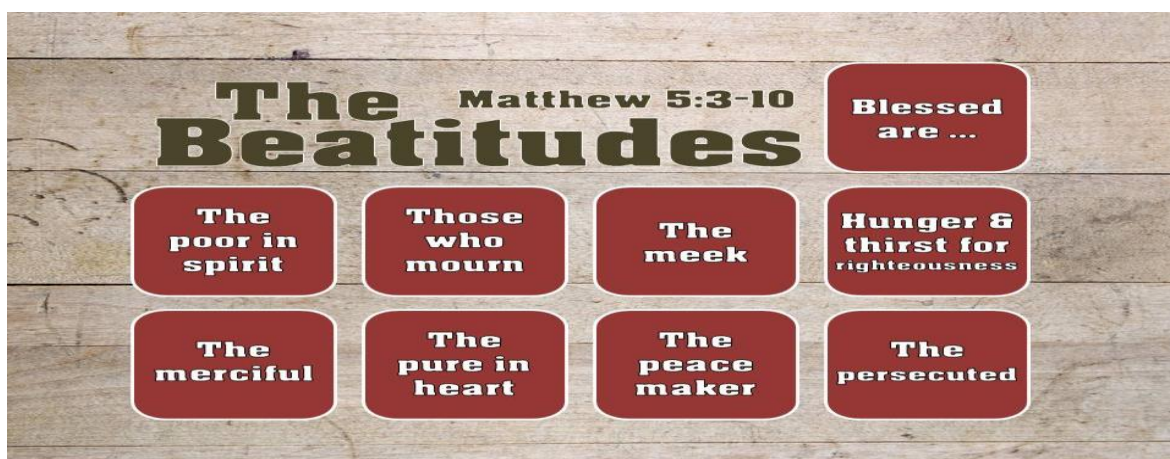
CONCLUSION:

A. The Privileges of the Sons of God

Blessed are the sons of God; they are bought with Christ's own blood;
 they are ransomed from the grave, life eternal they shall have:
 With them numbered may we be, here and in eternity.

B. I know He’s rescued my soul; His Blood has covered my sin.” – Anonymous

C. Romans Road ((Rom 3:10, 23; 5:8; 10:9, 13)



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“... the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8).