

The Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 5:3-10



Summary of Today's Message

The message of the Beatitudes is at the heart and the core of the teachings of Jesus. They have been given to us to help us nail down the health of our spiritual lives and the authenticity of our faith.

This, Jesus says, is how we are to live

The Last Four Beatitudes

God approves the merciful-

“Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy.”

Merciful does not mean forgiveness or compassion

Prayer without legs and generosity and walking into someone's life when you can is illegitimate.

God approves the pure in heart-
“Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see
God.”

A heart that is pure enables us to see God.

We see what we are trained to see

Psalm 24 “Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord? And
who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands
and a pure heart.

God approves the peacemaker- “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.”

We take a chance when we become a peacemaker, we don't do it capriciously

Peacemakers are pro-active

God approves the persecuted who are persecuted for
righteousness

John 15:18-20

Jesus said, “If the world hates you you know that it hated me before it hated you if you were of the world the world would love its own but because you are not of the world but I chose you out of the world because of this the world hates you”

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Education is not the answer because our passions are
stronger than reason

We can live out the Beatitudes when we allow Christ to be
formed in us

Galatians 5 and Ephesians 4

This life on earth is simply a rehearsal for our
heavenly life

A baby in the mother's womb is preparation for that baby
to live in the world outside of the womb

We in the world seeking to be a part and living in God's
Kingdom, the world is a womb in which we live is
preparation for us to pop out into heaven

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When we live having the approval of God in our lives, we
will see God everywhere we go and when we go.