

THE REAL DEFINITION OF BLESSINGS UPSIDE DOWN

The Kingdom Begins at Empty

Proverbs 3:5-7, Matthew 5:3,
Psalm 146:5

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THESIS

Beatitudes are not a list of moral achievements, rather they are a revelation of our need for Christ.

THREE OBSERVATIONS ABOUT THE BEATITUDES

They are eight character traits of the true follower of Jesus (it's a package deal).

They open the door to inner happiness (the deep joy for those who live under His rule).

Each trait has a corresponding promise.

BEATITUDES ARE INDICATIVES, NOT IMPERATIVES

Indicatives

→ statements about who Christians are

Imperatives

→ commands telling Christians what to do

LEGALISTIC OBEDIENCE VS. HEART OBEDIENCE

PURPOSE OF THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Jesus is contrasting two types of obedience.

Motivated by rules

Flows from relationship with Jesus

Focuses on outward behavior

Focuses on inward transformation

Produces self-righteousness

Motivated by love

Righteousness of the Pharisees

The obedience Jesus desires

BLESSED

Happy

Favored

Deeply
Fulfilled



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DIGITAL SCREEN & SERMON NOTES

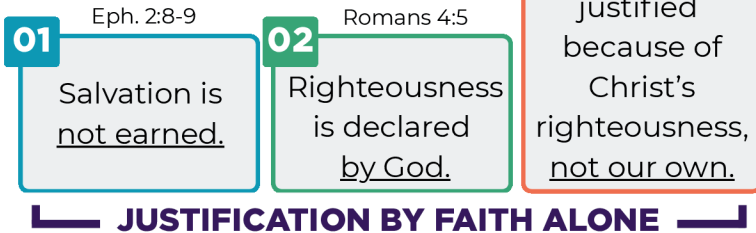
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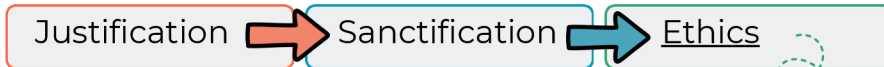
POOR IN SPIRIT



WHY WE RESIST BEING POOR IN SPIRIT

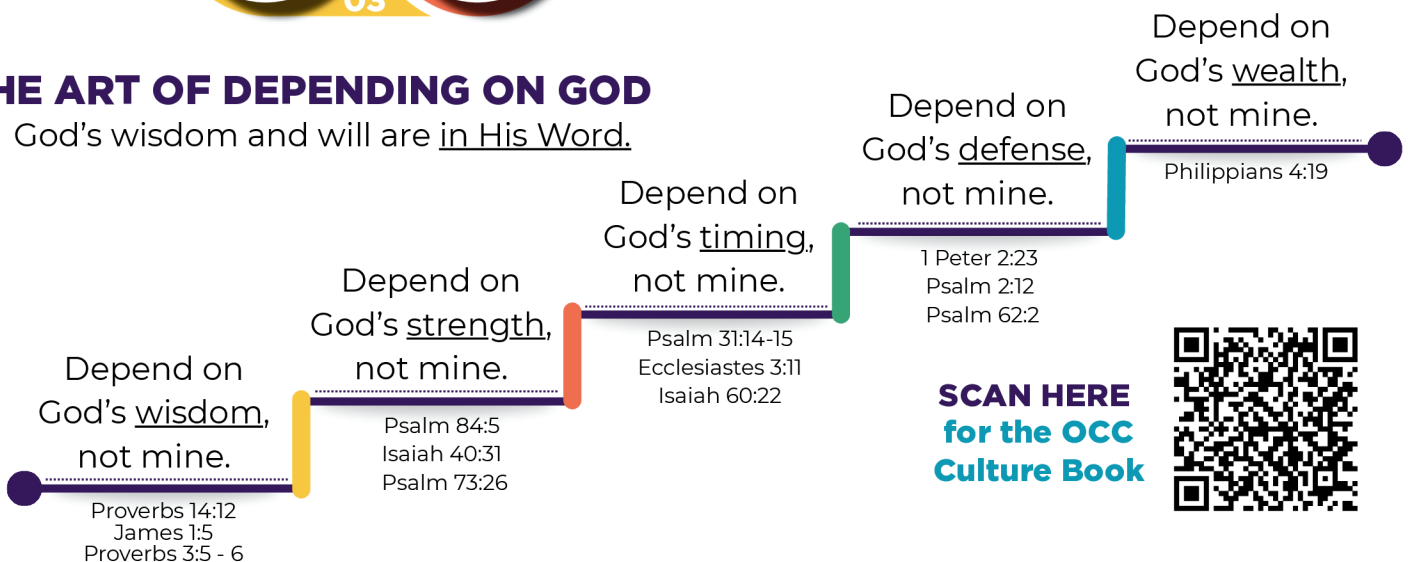
- Credit
- Recognition
- Moral Superiority
- A Reason to Boast

THE BEATITUDES ARE EVIDENCE OF SALVATION, NOT THE MEANS OF IT



THE ART OF DEPENDING ON GOD

God's wisdom and will are in His Word.



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THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS WITHIN YOU



Beatitudes According to American Culture

Blessed are the self-made, for they shall be applauded.

Blessed are the comfortable, for they shall be left undisturbed.

Blessed are the loud, for they shall get the attention.

Blessed are the wealthy, for they shall be envied.

Blessed are the independent, for they shall need no one.

Blessed are the image-conscious, for they shall be admired online.

Blessed are the successful, for they shall be called significant.

Blessed are the entertained, for they shall never sit still long enough to feel their emptiness.

Closing Declaration: Matthew 5:3

I am blessed when I know I am bankrupt without God.
I am blessed when I stop pretending I can make it on my
own.

I am blessed when I come to the end of myself and lean all
the way into Him.

For the kingdom belongs to the poor in spirit.
The kingdom belongs to the empty-handed.
The kingdom belongs to the ones who know they need God.

So I will not boast in my strength.
I will not trust in my perfection.
I will not build my life on self-sufficiency.

I am blessed because I am dependent.
I am blessed because I am surrendered.
I am blessed because my help comes from the Lord.

And what I could not earn, grace gives.
What I could not build, God supplies.
What I could not hold together, the King can sustain.

I am poor in spirit, but rich in mercy.
I am empty in myself, but full in Christ.
I am broken in my own power, but blessed in God's
kingdom.