



The Beatitudes – Part 1
Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit

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1. Happiness is an _____ job.

Matthew 5:1-12 (NIV), “Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² and he began to teach them. He said:

³ **Blessed** are the **poor in spirit**, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ **Blessed** are those who **mourn**, for they will be comforted.

⁵ **Blessed** are the **meek**, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ **Blessed** are those who **hunger** and **thirst** for **righteousness**, for they will be filled.

⁷ **Blessed** are the **merciful**, for they will be shown mercy.

⁸ **Blessed** are the **pure in heart**, for they will see God.

⁹ **Blessed** are the **peacemakers**, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ **Blessed** are those who are **persecuted** because of **righteousness**, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ **Blessed** are you when people **insult** you, **persecute you and falsely** say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

2. We are spiritually _____ without Christ.

Matthew 5:1-12 (NIV), “Blessed are the **poor in spirit**, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

Revelation 3:17 (NLT), ¹⁷ You say, ‘**I am rich. I have everything I want. I don’t need a thing!**’ And you don’t realize that you are **wretched** and **miserable** and **poor** and **blind** and **naked**.”

Matthew 5:20 (NLT), “For I tell you that unless your righteousness **surpasses** that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly **not enter** the kingdom of heaven.”

Luke 18:14 (NLT), “I tell you, this **sinner**, not the **Pharisee**, returned home **justified** before God. For those who **exalt themselves will be humbled**, and those who **humble themselves will be exalted**.”

3. We are made _____ with Christ.

Ephesians 2:1-5 (NIV), “As for you, **you were dead in your transgressions and sins**, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world... All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature **deserving of wrath**. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, **made us alive with Christ** even when **we were dead in transgressions** – it is by grace you have been saved.”

Romans 6:23 (NIV), “For the wages of sin is **death**, but the **gift of God** is **eternal life in Christ Jesus** our Lord.”

Jeremiah 6:14 (NLT), “They offer **superficial treatments** for my people’s mortal wound. They give **assurances of peace** when there is **no peace**.”

Matthew 5:3, (Amplified), “Blessed (**happy**, to be **envied**, and **spiritually prosperous** with **life-joy** and satisfaction in God’s **favor** and **salvation**, regardless of their **outward conditions**) are the **poor in spirit** (the **humble**, who **rate themselves insignificant**), for theirs is the kingdom of heaven!”

John 15:11 (NLT), “I have told you these things so that **you will be filled with my joy**. Yes, **your joy will overflow**.”
