



Central Idea: The Beatitudes reveal that true blessedness is found, not in outward circumstances, but in a heart intentionally transformed by the Spirit that reflects the character of Christ. This internal transformation aligns with the values of the Kingdom of Heaven which the world cannot give or take away.

Matthew 5:3–12 ESV

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

1. THE FOUNDATION OF TRANSFORMATION: HUMILITY AND REPENTANCE

The journey of transformation begins when we recognize our absolute need for God and our sorrow over the sin that separates us from Him.

- Poor in Spirit ([Matt. 5:3](#)): Acknowledging spiritual bankruptcy before God. This is the "narthex" to the Kingdom; we cannot enter unless we admit we cannot save ourselves.
- Mourning over Sin ([Matt. 5:4](#)): Godly sorrow that leads to repentance

2 Corinthians 7:10 ESV

For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.

- Meekness ([Matt. 5:5](#)): Not Weakness but Strength under control. It is the voluntary submission of our will to God’s will,

Matthew 11:29 ESV

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

2. FOCUS OF TRANSFORMATION: RIGHTEOUSNESS AND MERCY

A transformed character shifts its appetite from worldly desires to the pursuit of holiness and the extension of God's grace to others.

- Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness ([Matt. 5:6](#)): A deep, metabolic craving for God's standard of living and righteousness found through obedience to the Gospel

Romans 1:16–17 ESV

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

- The Power of Mercy ([Matt. 5:7](#)): Those who have received God's unmerited favor are compelled to show it to others. We forgive because we have been forgiven

Ephesians 4:32 ESV

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

- Purity of Heart ([Matt. 5:8](#)): Singleness of vision. This is the "circumcision of the heart"

Romans 2:29 ESV

But a Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter. His praise is not from man but from God.

3. THE FRUIT OF TRANSFORMATION: PEACE, PERSEVERANCE, AND ETERNAL LIFE

The ultimate evidence of a transformed character is how we interact with a broken world and how we endure hardship for the sake of the Gospel.

- Peacemakers ([Matt. 5:9](#)): Not just "peace-keepers," but those who actively work to reconcile men to God and to one another through the "ministry of reconciliation"

2 Corinthians 5:18 ESV

All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation;

- Steadfastness in Persecution ([Matt. 5:10-12](#)): The world often rejects the character of Christ. A transformed believer finds joy even in trials, knowing their citizenship and reward are in heaven

Philippians 3:20 ESV

But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

CONCLUSION

- The blessings promised by Jesus are not rewards for "doing" things, but the natural inheritance of "being" a certain type of person.
- A transformed character is the mark of a true disciple of Christ.
 - Sow a Thought - Reap an Action
 - Sow an Action - Reap a Habit
 - Sow a Habit - Reap a Character
 - Sow a Character - Reap a Destiny

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“The churches of Christ greet you”
Rom. 16:16

Hebrews 4:12

THE HOLY BIBLE

2 Tim. 2:15,
3:16-17

HEAR
Rom. 10:17

BELIEVE
Jn. 3:16

REPENT
Lk. 13:3

CONFESS
Rom. 10:9

IMMERSED/ADDED
Acts 2:36-47, 22:16
FORGIVEN/SAVED

FAITHFUL
Rev. 2:10
Remain Saved
Till the end
Phil. 2:12

“See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be immersed?”
Acts 8:36
“water immersion now saves us by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.” 1 Pt. 3:21

How Jesus commands us to be forgiven of sins and added to His kingdom.