

BE THE CHURCH BY HANGING WITH JESUS

Matthew 5¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

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Series Theme: *Jesus reveals a Father who is worthy of your trust.*

The Father favors with his kingdom those for whom Christ is life.

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Jam 2.5; Psa 1.1; Psa 40.17

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
Isa 61.1-3; Psa 119.136; 1Th 4.13; Luk 6.21;
Joh 16.20; Isa 40.1-2; 2Co 1.3-4

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
Psa 37.9, 11; Mat 5.20.25-26; Mat 11.29; Col 1.11-13;

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. (personal righteousness, justice, a righteous community)
Mat 3.15; Joh 4.13-14;

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
Psa 25.6-9; Mat 23.2-4; Mat 11.29-30; Mat 18.33

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
Mat 15.18-20; 2Co 11.2; Rom 12.1-2

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
Isa 52.7; Isa 9.6-7; Eph 2.11-17; Col 1.20; Isa 52.7; Rom 10.14-17

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
1Pe 2.20; 3.14; 4.14-15; Mat 20.22-24

Questions for interaction and study

1. In what way do Mat 5.3 and 5.10 with their promise “for theirs is the kingdom of heaven” show that the beatitudes **are not entrance requirements** which by doing we earn our way into the kingdom?
2. **Matthew shows us** by genealogy (1.1ff.); by Herod’s fear of this new king (2.1ff.); by John’s baptismal identification of Jesus with this repenting remnant people [followed immediately by the Father’s pleasure & anointing] (3.1ff.); by Jesus’ success in wilderness temptation contrasted with Israel’s failure [followed by immediate calling of fishers of men & new-creation healings] **that Jesus is king of creation and going to renew it** (4.1ff.). Chapter 5 (with 6 & 7) is Jesus’ first major teaching in Matthew. How do the Beatitudes describe what Jesus’ disciples are to be like in a way similar to the 10 Commandments’ describing how Israel was to be different from the nations?
3. How do the 10 Commandments and *especially the Beatitudes* relate to the Great Commandment (Mat 22.36-39)?
4. Jesus’ disciples are given Jesus’ heart by the new birth; how will living out this heart make the church attractive to all kinds of seeking sinners? Make practical applications from Mat 5.16 and individual beatitudes.