

GOSPEL of *Grace*
FELLOWSHIP

Matthew 5:1-10
What Are Citizens of Christ's Kingdom Like?
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The Beatitudes

1. "Blessed" is about having the status of God's favor, not simply being in a good mood.
2. The descriptions of righteous living are not something we can do on our own, but they are descriptions of what we will do by God's gracious power.

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The Beatitudes

3. The promises of the beatitudes are eschatological and belong to every believer in Christ!

INCLUSIO:
5:3...for theirs is [the kingdom of heaven](#)
5:10...for theirs is [the kingdom of heaven](#)

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Jesus: God's Faithful Son

Israel:	Jesus:
Brought to Egypt	Brought to Egypt—Matt. 2
Baptism—Ex. 14	Baptism—Matt. 3
Wilderness—Ex. 14	Wilderness—Matt. 4
Mt. Sinai—Ex. 20	Sermon on Mt.—Matt. 5

1. Jesus – Prophet like Moses (Deut. 18:15)
2. Jesus – The Faithful Son Israel was not
3. Jesus – God who meets on the mountain!

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Jesus Meets on the Mountain

Matthew 5:1–3
When Jesus saw the crowds, He went [up on the mountain](#); and after He sat down, His disciples came to Him. [2](#) He opened His mouth and *began* to teach them, saying, [3](#) "Blessed are [the poor in spirit](#), [for theirs is the kingdom of heaven](#)."

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Humble Now, Vindicated Later

Matthew 5:4–6
Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. [5](#) Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth. [6](#) Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be [satisfied](#).

Psalm 17:15
As for me, I shall behold Your face in righteousness; I will be [satisfied](#) with Your likeness when I awake.

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Humble Now, Vindicated Later

Matthew 5:7-10

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. 8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. 9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. 10 Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, **for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

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Applications

1. We must know that no unbeliever can please God through their good works.
2. We should know that all believers are saved by faith unto good works which surely must follow.
3. We must trust that God will vindicate us in the future kingdom.

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Unbelievers Can't Please God

Isaiah 64:6

For all of us have become like one who is unclean, and **all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment**; and all of us wither like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

Romans 8:8

and **those who are in the flesh** cannot please God.

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Believers Please God

Ephesians 2:8-10

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God; 9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus for good works**, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

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Believers Will Be Vindicated

Romans 8:18

For I consider that **the sufferings of this present time** are not worthy to be compared with **the glory that is to be revealed to us.**

Matthew 25:21

His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; **enter into the joy of your master.**"

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