

The Beatitudes
Blessed Are They That Mourn
Matthew 5:4

Introduction

In the Sermon on the Mount, the people heard a message on how to live. It was ethical teaching on life as taught by the Creator of life. It was spiritual teaching about a spiritual kingdom by the King of the ages. It was an invitation to join a heavenly kingdom, an everlasting kingdom. It was no longer just a future hope; now, it sparked of a present reality.

1. The Kingdom of Heaven invaded the ordinary kingdoms of this world and would sweep the globe with a life-transforming _____.
2. The first part of the Sermon on the Mount is known as the _____, which means "The Blessings."
3. By receiving Christ, we _____ of His divine nature.
4. Our heavenly nature is to display these traits and demonstrate the character of Christ as kingdom _____.
5. The more we realize how much God has sacrificed for us and loved us, the greater the mourning and regret we feel over our _____.

I. Mourning

6. Jesus says, "Blessed are those who _____."

A. Mourning our Sinfulness

7. The poor in spirit are those who have already acknowledged they _____ God in their life.
8. Jesus is talking about those who have become citizens of the kingdom of _____.
9. We truly mourn our sins because we care about what _____ thinks.

10. Jesus refers to a kind of sorrow that comes from true _____ and humility.
11. When you hear the call of the Spirit, you recognize how desperately _____ you are!
12. Blessed believers also mourn that which _____ God.

B. Mourning what dishonors God.

13. A blessed believer's heart is constantly _____ by the attitudes and behaviors of the citizens of this world.
14. It is so tragic to hear that someone has abandoned the _____ and chosen a sinful life.

C. Mourning for the Lost.

15. We also realize how desperately lost our friends and family members are who do not _____ Christ.
16. Realizing how terrible it would be to be eternally separated from them, we begin to _____ and intercede for them.
17. We become more and more like those early believers who went everywhere preaching the gospel - hoping to _____ even a few lost souls!
18. Paul had a great _____ to see people come to know Christ and experience God's blessings.
19. The blessing of mourning causes us to _____ something special about the fellowship of His sufferings.

II. Comforted

20. The words "they shall be comforted" cause us to reach beyond ourselves to a source of strength and help that is _____ than all our sins and sorrows.
21. There is no _____ that will cover your sinfulness and failures.

22. As we _____ our sins to God, He comforts us with the assurance that the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin (1 John 1:7).

A. Comforted by Christ

23. Thankfully, Jesus has provided the great comfort of salvation by blotting out our _____.

24. Jesus said He came to seek and to save the _____.

25. When you sin, if you acknowledge it and confess your sin before God, He _____ you with His forgiveness and abiding presence.

26. Christ comfort us by giving us saving _____.

B. Comforted by the Holy Spirit

27. The Holy Spirit is the _____, but He is also a Counselor and Advocate for us in a legal sense.

28. Until Jesus returns, we have been called to fellowship in the _____ of the Man of Sorrows.

C. Comforted by the Saints

29. The ministry of encouragement and _____ has been committed to us by Christ.

30. It's important to let people know you've been praying for them - they need to hear those words of _____!

31. God freely distributes his encouragement and _____ to us.

III. The Blessing

32. Jesus taught that we can all _____ the right attitude.

33. The blessing Jesus is talking about is the blessing of God's love and grace that rescues and delivers us from the horrible fate of _____ death.

34. It is a blessing that moves us to action and fills our heart with eternal _____ and mission.

35. God wants to give you the full measure of his _____!

Conclusion

36. A _____ person whom God has convinced, convicted, and converted does not mourn only for his own sins but also the sins of others, especially those within the covenant community of the church.

37. Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Daniel, openly declared their grief and mourning over the sins of the _____ of Israel.

The more we meditate on God's divine truth and beauty and the goodness of God, the more we realize the poverty of our own human nature. But by the blessing of God's love and grace we shall be comforted.

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