

Blessed are the Poor in Spirit
The Beatitudes
April 7, 2024

Matthew 5:1-12

- Theme: The following statements reveal where TRUE HAPPINESS can be found. They show the potential of WHAT CAN BE OURS.
- Blessed are the poor in spirit - Matthew 5:3
 - ✓ The person who realizes they are completely DESTITUTE.
- Matthew 5:3 NLT
 - ✓ The person who realizes they are UTTERLY HELPLESS
- Matthew 5:3 GW
 - ✓ The person who realizes their absolute NEED FOR GOD
- Matthew 5:3 NCV
 - ✓ We will never DEPEND on something we don't think we NEED.
- Revelation 3:15-17
- What God provides for us:
 - 1) - Without Jesus - I pay for my OWN SINS - Romans 3:23, 6:23
- With Jesus - I have the gift of SALVATION, forgiveness, and ETERNAL LIFE - Ephesians 2:15
 - 2) - Without Jesus - I can only cope with PAIN and my flawed PERSONHOOD - Jeremiah 6:14 NLT
- With Jesus - I have the power to be HEALED and transformed
1 Peter 2:24-25, Galatians 5:22-23
 - 3) - Without Jesus - I'm trying to find or CREATE my own life.
Jeremiah 29:11
- With Jesus - I can know who I am and WHAT my life is all about
Acts 17:26-28

- 4) - Without Jesus - I'm living for the joys that FADE AWAY - 1 Peter 1:3-4
- With Jesus - I can have the joy of living a life that GLORIFIES God and impacts OTHERS - John 15:8-11

Conclusion: Tell Jesus, "I NEED YOU"