

Messiah Blesses Poor Mourners (Matthew 5:1-4)

Introduction: Grace in the Sermon on the Mount

Blessed = Happy, but ...

1. not-frivolous
2. not just a condition, but because God says so.

Who are 'the poor'?

1. The physically poor
2. The poor in spirit (Gideon, Moses, Isaiah, John, Peter, Paul, Jesus)

Are you poor in spirit or self-sufficient?

A Beatitude that is full of grace and teaches justification by faith only

Those who live in a state of mourning

What is the object of our mourning?

Those who mourn over their sin will be comforted with repentance unto life

Shall be comforted

A future promise and a present reality

Conclusion: Future promise sandwiched by present assurance

1. The present blessing of the kingdom
2. A present yet future kingdom

What can you do if you are not poor in spirit or mournful?