

The Beatitudes, Part 2

Matthew 5:1-10

Main Point:

As a disciple of Christ, you are truly blessed in Him; treasure these blessings above all else.

1. If you are a disciple of Christ, then you are truly blessed in Him.
2. You have a blessed future awaiting you at Christ's Second Coming.
3. And you also get to enjoy your future blessings now to some degree.
4. You are blessed only because Christ was cursed, so treasure these blessings above all else.

Quotations and Cross-References

John Legg "In the Beatitudes Jesus does not give instructions about how to live. The Beatitudes simply describe the character and characteristics of those who are blessed already ..."

1 John 3:2 ² Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He [Jesus] is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. (NKJV)

Philippians 3:20-21 ²⁰ For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself. (NKJV)

Philippians 1:9-11 ⁹ And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰ that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, ¹¹ being filled with the fruits of righteousness which *are* by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God. (NKJV)

Psalms 103:8, 10 ⁸ The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love ... ¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. (ESV)

Sinclair Ferguson "... All the blessings that are expected in ... the future, are already being experienced by Christ's people now!"

Galatians 3:10, 13-14 ¹⁰ ... "Cursed *is* everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them." ... ¹³ [yet] Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed *is* everyone who hangs on a tree "), ¹⁴ that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. (NKJV)

2 Corinthians 8:9 ⁹ For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich. (NKJV)