

Dare to Be Different

Matthew 5:1-16

- 1 Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.
- 2 And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:
- 3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 4 “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
- 5 “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
- 6 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
- 7 “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 are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 11 “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
- 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.
- 13 “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet.
- 14 “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.

- 15 Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house.
- 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Observations

Today’s text reminds us of four things that are true for a Christ-follower:

- 1) Our _____ are not what they seem.
- 2) Our _____ resemble God’s _____ (mercy, justice, peacemaking, and integrity).
- 3) We already possess a _____ because of the covenant keeping ability of God.
- 4) We are on a _____.

Application

Because these things are true, we can apply God’s word to our heart in these four ways:

- _____ the Lord.
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Let’s talk! If you’d like to take the next step in becoming a Christ-follower, text “Connect” to 615-640-3712 or email me at Frank.Lewis@NashvilleFirst.org