

# Blessed Are Those Who Mourn

**The Beatitudes of Jesus**

Matthew 5:1-12

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# The Sermon on the Mount

- The ***Constitution of the Kingdom of Heaven.***
  - A statement of fundamental principles.
- Or, ***The sermon of true righteousness!***
  - The righteousness Christ requires vs. the false righteousness of the Pharisees.

# The Beatitudes

- Describe the **character** of kingdom citizens.
  - What kingdom citizens are to “look like.”
  - How they are to think and act.
- What is described in these chapters is **radically different** from the citizens of worldly kingdoms.
  - Radically different than the Scribes and Pharisees
  - Radically different than what people, then or now, think is important.
  - “Christian Counterculture” (John Stott)

# “Blessed Are The **Poor In Spirit**”

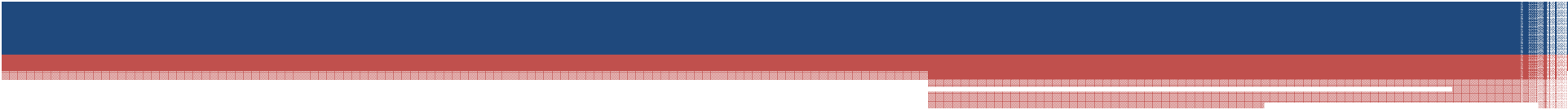
- A blessing upon those who **recognize** their **spiritual poverty**, their spiritual destitution.
- Who recognize that they **cannot save themselves.**
- Who realize that because of sin, they have “**no hope**” and are “**without God in this world.**” (Eph. 2:12)

# “Blessed Are Those Who **Mourn**”

- Again, this is **not** describing a physical characteristic (not mourning physical losses).
  - Yes, **God cares** about our sorrows and losses, and gives **comfort**. (“Does Jesus Care?”)
  - “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and **God of all comfort**, who **comforts us** in all our afflictions so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.” (2 Cor. 1:3-4)

# Mourning Over Sins

- Isaiah 61:1-3 – “The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the afflicted, He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives and freedom to prisoners; 2 To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord and the day of vengeance of our God; **to comfort all who mourn,** 3 To grant those who **mourn** in Zion, giving them a garland instead of ashes, **the oil of gladness instead of mourning,** the mantle of praise instead of a spirit of fainting.” (Lk. 4:16-19)

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- “The prophets would have us understand this **mourning** as the **grief** experienced by those who in their reverence for God are **horrified by their own sins** and those of their fellows, and are **moved to tears of bitter shame and grief.**” (Paul Earnhart, p. 9)

## James 4:7-10

- “Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 **Be miserable and mourn and weep**; let your laughter be turned into **mourning** and your joy to **gloom**. 10 Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.”



# Why Mourn?

- **SIN** is **disobedience, transgression, “missing the mark,” rebellion, stubbornness, pride.**
  - **2 Thess. 1:7-9** – Eternal destruction
- Look at the **attitude of David** (Psa. 51:4)
  - **“Against You, You only, I have sinned** and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You are justified when You speak and blameless when You judge.”

# Instead of Mourning, Some Are...

- **Indifferent**

- Some can sin repeatedly and never feel anything.
- No guilt / No remorse.

- **1 Tim. 4:2** – “By means of the hypocrisy of liars **seared** in their **own conscience** as with a branding iron.”

# Instead of Mourning, Some Are...

- **Stubborn / Rebellious / Selfish**
  - Some know of their sins; still have something of a conscience, but want to do it their way. “I want what I want.”
  - **1 Samuel 15:22-23** – “Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams. “For **rebellion** is as the sin of **divination**, and **insubordination** is as **iniquity and idolatry.**”

# Instead of Mourning, Some Are...

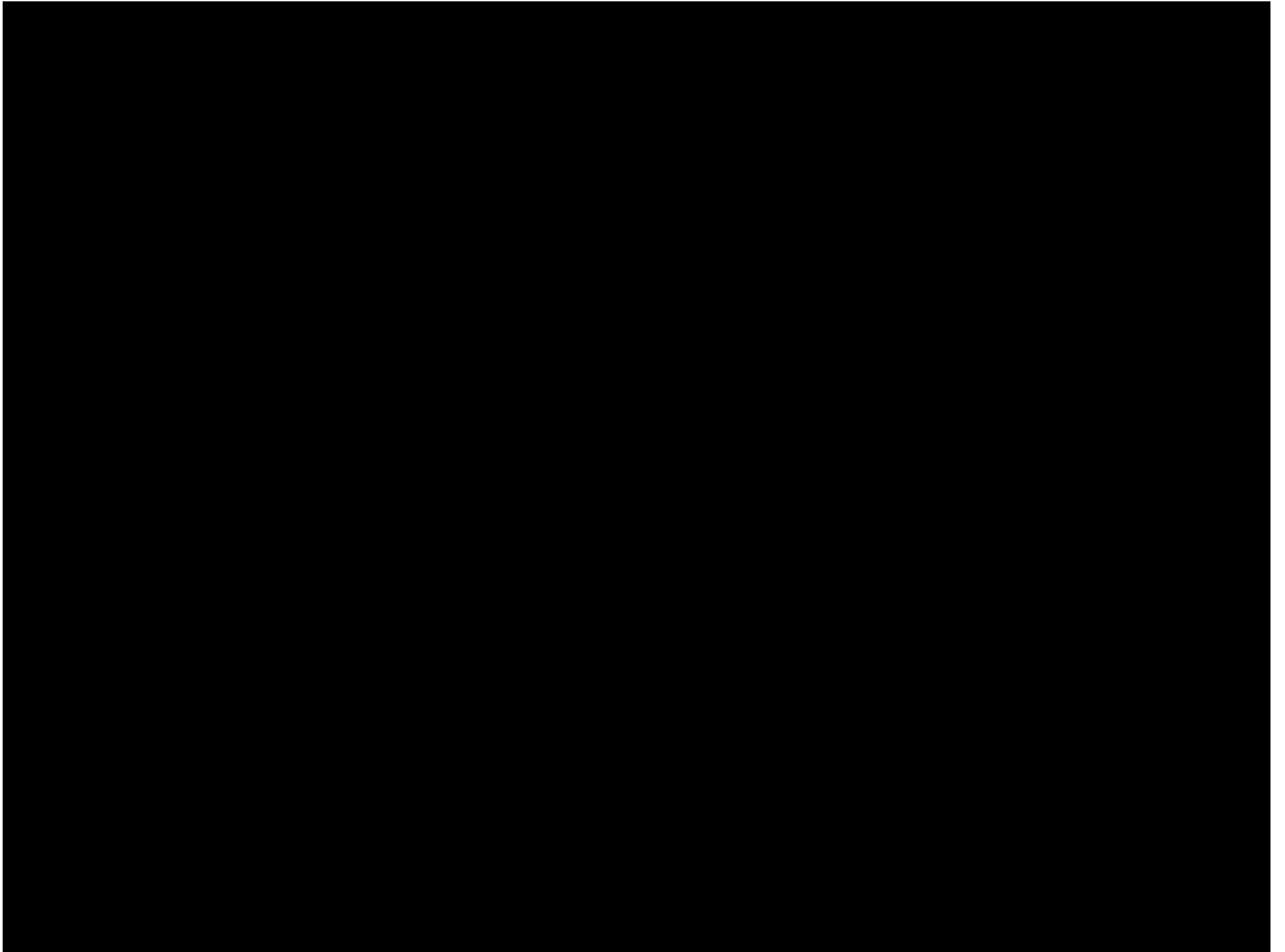
- **Prideful (“I know better.”)**
  - **1 Cor. 5:1-2** – “It is actually reported that there is immorality among you, and immorality of such a kind as does not exist even among the Gentiles, that someone has his father’s wife.
  - 2 You have become **arrogant** and have **not mourned** instead, so that the one who had done this deed would be removed from your midst.”

## Some Who Did Mourn Over Sins

- **Peter** after he denied the Lord (“And he went out and wept bitterly.” Matt. 26:75)
- **Saul of Tarsus** (Acts 9:9 – “And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank.”)
- **The Sinful Woman** of Luke 7.
- **Those on Pentecost** (“They were cut to the heart” Acts 2:37)

# The First Two Beatitudes

- Blessed are the **poor in spirit** (v. 3)
  - Blessed are those who recognize how sinful they really are. Like the destitute man who has nothing, they realize they are NOTHING before God.
- Blessed are those who **mourn** (v. 4)
  - Blessed are those, having come to the understanding of their condition, are **truly sorry** from the heart. Who **mourn and weep over their sins**.

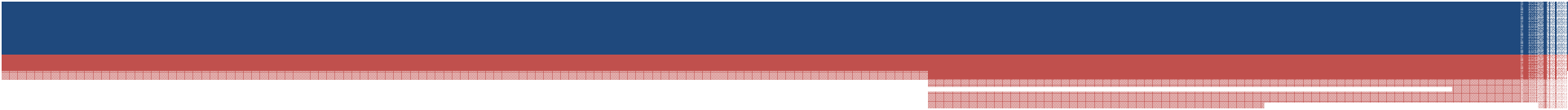




- **To Christians:**

- Don't just think of others out there in the world and their sins. (Yes, we live in a corrupt generation).
- But think of your sins: your anger against your wife/husband, your angry words, your slander, your gossip, your lies, your lukewarmness, your dishonesty on your taxes, your neglect in your duty to God.



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- **Eph. 4:17-19** – “So this I say, and affirm together with the Lord, that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their mind,
  - 18 being darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart;
  - 19 and they, **having become callous**, have given themselves over to sensuality for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness.”

# Godly Sorrow Works Repentance

- **2 Cor. 7:8-9** – “For though I caused you sorrow by my letter, I do not regret it; though I did regret it—for I see that that letter caused you sorrow, though only for a while — I now rejoice, not that you were made sorrowful, but that you were made **sorrowful to the point of repentance**”

## 2 Corinthians 7:9-10

- “For you were made sorrowful according to the will of God, so that you might not suffer loss in anything through us. For the **sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance** without regret, leading to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death.”