

The Blessed Life - #5

Matthew 5:1-4 *“And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: ‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled. Blessed are the _____, for they shall obtain _____.’”*

When you think of the blessed life you think of all the good things a person enjoys.

- As a child of God, you are the head, and not the tail.
- In Christ, you are above, and not beneath.
- In Christ, your future is filled hope and great peace.

Proverbs 4:18 says, *“The path of the just is like the shining sun, that _____ ever brighter unto the perfect day.”*

Having a blessed life doesn't mean everything will go perfectly. That would be a perfect life.

Luke 6:46-49

- The blessed life is the one who took time to _____ the word of God and _____ their life on it.
- The blessed life is the one that the _____ of life cannot diminish or destroy in any way.

“Blessed are the _____, for they shall obtain _____.”

- The blessed life is a life that overflows with God's mercy.
- We all make mistakes in life and do things we know we shouldn't.

Hebrews 4:16 *“Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain _____ and find grace to help in time of need.”*

- God doesn't want you carrying the weight of your sin and past mistakes!
- Your Heavenly Father knows, without His mercy, sin, guilt and shame can crush you.

When Jesus proclaimed, *“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy,”* what revelation from our Heavenly Father was He declaring?

1. Your Heavenly Father wants you to _____ His mercy.

- You cannot not fully know what mercy is, until you've experienced it in truth.
- Mercy originates from our Heavenly Father, and He offers it to all us sinners

- There is no hope for our eternal salvation, outside of the mercy of God!
- In other words, The Blessed Life is the life that has asked for pardon from God.

Example: Saul On The Road To Damascus- The Blessed Life is the life that has been shown mercy like Saul, who humbly accepted God's mercy and was saved.

2. Your Heavenly Father wants you to be _____ with His mercy.

- Not only are you invited to experience God's mercy, you are encouraged to be filled with God's mercy.
- This is what happened to Saul. Unlike The Parable Of The Unforgiving Servant (Matthew 18:23-35)
- By Christ's one act of mercy on Saul, Saul's life changed.
- The Blessed Life is a life that is filled with the mercy of God toward others
- Being filled with God's mercy for others is a prerequisite for effective evangelism.
- The Blessed Life is the life that recognizes God's mercy on them, is filled with joy and excitement about God's mercy, and is willing to live the rest of their days from that place of mercy.

3. Your Heavenly Father wants you to _____ mercy to others.

- Saul, after he was shown mercy by Jesus Christ, changed his course of action.
- The Courage Of Ananias: Ananias, who had been shown mercy by God, was now required to be merciful.
- The Blessed Life is one that shows mercy and leads with mercy!
- God gave Ananias an opportunity to show mercy and a miracle happened!
- Jesus miraculously healed Saul's blinded eyes.
- God has miracles in acts of mercy.
- The Blessed Life is the one who lives from a place of mercy, like Ananias.

4. Your Heavenly Father wants you to know, mercy comes _____ .

- When you show mercy, you shall obtain mercy. Obtaining mercy does sound difficult, but for those among us who find it hard to forgive themselves, it can be difficult.
- God's _____ is bigger than that mistake!
- The Blessed Life is a life that comes to God, learns to forgive themselves, and believes God to turn their blunders into blessings.

Declaration:

"Heavenly Father, thank you for your mercy. Fill my heart with mercy. Empower me to show mercy. Help me to receive mercy. Thank you for being so good to me. I give you my life and future. In the mighty name of Jesus I pray, Amen.