

**God's Kingdom: It's (Still) Not What You Think  
Salvation by Self-Mutilation?**

**Matthew 5:1-12**

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 Then he began to speak, 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 will be comforted.

5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 "Blessed are you when people 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 in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

**Seaside Finances**

Weekly Goal	\$22,195	Monthly Goal	\$95,500
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**Growth Group Discussion**  
**For the week of February 21, 2021**

**Connect**

Share about a birthday or Christmas gift you passionately wanted as a child. Did you get it?

**Reflect**

What impacted you the most from Sunday's message?

**Explore**

1. What is the difference between uncontrolled desire and love?  
Read Genesis 25:29-34 and 29:18-20 for an example of each.

2. From Jesus' perspective, thoughts we embrace are the same as actions (Matthew 5:27-28). Discuss strategies for "taking every thought captive" (2 Corinthians 10:5).

3. An important principle in this week's verses is not to let my bodily desires rule over me. Read and discuss Romans 6:11-14, 8:5-8 and 12:1-2.

4. Matthew 5:29-30 emphasizes the need for prompt and drastic action when we encounter temptation. What are the results when we do this or fail to do this?

## Ever Be

### Verse 1

Your love is devoted like a ring of solid gold  
Like a vow that is tested like a covenant of old  
Your love is enduring through the winter rain  
And beyond the horizon with mercy for today

### Pre-Chorus

Faithful You have been and faithful You will be  
You pledge Yourself to me and it's why I sing

### Chorus

Your praise will ever be on my lips  
Ever be on my lips  
Your praise will ever be on my lips  
Ever be on my lips  
(REPEAT)

### Verse 2

You Father the orphan  
Your kindness makes us whole  
You shoulder our weakness  
And Your strength becomes our own

You're making me like You  
Clothing me in white  
Bringing beauty from ashes  
For You will have Your bride

### Pre-Chorus

Free of all her guilt and rid of all her shame  
And known by her true name and it's why I sing

### Bridge

You will be praised You will be praised  
With angels and saints we sing worthy are You Lord  
You will be praised You will be praised  
With angels and saints we sing worthy are You Lord  
(REPEAT)

## Jesus We Love You

### Verse 1

Old things have passed away  
Your love has stayed the same  
Your constant grace remains the cornerstone  
Things that we thought were dead  
Are breathing in life again  
You cause your Son to shine on darkest nights

### Pre-Chorus

For all that You've done we will pour out our love  
This will be our anthem song

### Chorus

(Jesus) we love You  
Oh how we love You  
You are the one our hearts adore

### Interlude

Our hearts adore  
Our hearts adore  
Our hearts adore

### Verse 2

The hopeless have found their hope  
The orphans now have a home  
All that was lost has found its place in You

You lift our weary head  
You make us strong instead  
You took these rags and made us beautiful

### Bridge

Our affection our devotion  
Poured out on the feet of Jesus  
(REPEAT 3X)

## Mercy

### Verse 1

My past embraced  
My sin forgiven  
I'm blameless in Your sight  
My history rewritten

### Chorus

'Cause (And) You delight in showing mercy  
And mercy triumphs over judgment  
You delight in showing mercy  
And mercy triumphs over judgment

### Verse 2

Oh love great love fear cannot be found in You  
And there will never be a day  
You're uncertain of the ones You choose

### Bridge

So I will awake and spend my days  
Loving the one who has raised me up  
From death to life from wrong to right  
You're making all things beautiful (new)

## Graves Into Gardens

### Verse 1

I searched the world but it couldn't fill me  
Man's empty praise and treasures that fade  
Are never enough  
Then You came along and put me back together  
And every desire is now satisfied here in Your love

### Chorus

Oh there's nothing better than You  
There's nothing better than You  
Lord there's nothing  
Nothing is better than You

### Verse 2

I'm not afraid to show You my weakness  
My failures and flaws  
Lord You've seen them all  
And You still call me friend  
'Cause the God of the mountain  
Is the God of the valley  
And there's not a place  
Your mercy and grace won't find me again

### Bridge

You turn mourning to dancing  
You give beauty for ashes  
You turn shame into glory  
You're the only one who can

### Bridge

You turn graves into gardens  
You turn bones into armies  
You turn seas into highways  
You're the only one who can