



April 26th 2026 "Radical Words, Radical Blessings Pt 2"

LOVE GOD—LOVE PEOPLE—SERVE THE WORLD

The Sermon on the Mount explains the character of those in God's Kingdom, the principles that govern it, and the requirements for entering it.

✦ "The Kingdom of God" is about God's rule in our hearts and lives. **Luke 17:20-21**

✦ "The Kingdom of Heaven" is what we will inherit one day as we step into the literal Heaven. **Matthew 7:21**

Being born again does not give us a license to sin; it is about God's grace and mercy for when we do.

2 Corinthians 5:21

Blessedness is the state of true well-being, joy, and peace that comes from fully committing oneself to God and living in accordance with His will.

Matthew 5:7-12

Matthew 5:1-12—The Beatitudes.

Declarations of supreme blessings.
(final four beatitudes)

5. Blessed are the **merciful**. **Psalms 145:8**

Mercy is the withholding of punishment that is deserved, while grace is the giving of a blessing that is not deserved.

✦ "Offering mercy is the genius of the Christian faith."

6. Blessed are the **pure in heart**. **1Peter 1:15-16, Ephesians 4:21-24, Titus 3:5-8**

Keeping a pure heart is devoting ourselves to doing good by demonstrating single-minded devotion to God's will and refusing to tolerate known sin that would pollute the heart.

7. Blessed are the **peacemakers**. **Colossians 3:15**

Working for peace is an **internal motivation** that comes from a deep love for the **peace of God** that is found in Christ alone.

Romans 12:18, James 3:18, Hebrews 12:14, Philippians 4:7

8. Blessed are those who are **persecuted**. **Galatians 1:10**

We will be persecuted when we live out these beatitudes. Because they are all countercultural.

*all verses were taken from the NLT unless otherwise noted.