

## PART 2 - MATTHEW 5:4

The deceitfulness of sin is that it promises happiness but always leads to misery.

To be “poor in spirit” means to be aware that I am nothing, I have nothing, and I can do nothing to commend myself before God.

The mourning that Jesus is talking about, in Matthew 5:4, is mourning over sin.

A realistic understanding of sin comes before there can be a true joy of salvation.

What should we mourn?

- 1) The sin in the world
- 2) The sin in ourselves.
- 3) What sin does to God.

When we are broken over the sin in our lives, we recognize our need for God’s grace and mercy.

Ways God comforts those who mourn:

- God comforts today...(1 John 1:9)...with the peace of forgiveness (John 16:33).
- God comforts eternally...(John 5:24)...freedom from guilt and death (John 3:16-17).

The only way to experience the “blessings” of the beatitudes is by following the instructions of the beatitudes.

The whole premise of the beatitudes involves an emptying of ourselves so that we can be filled with Jesus.