

## **THE BLESSINGS OF MISSIONS**

### **Matthew 5:3-12**

#### **1. Missions humbles us before God**

*"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (3)*

#### **2. Missions gives up now for later**

*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.*

*"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. (4-5)*

#### **3. Missions reshapes what we desire and how we live**

*"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.*

*"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. (6-7)*

#### **4. Missions purifies our motives**

*"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.*

*"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. (8-9)*

#### **5. Missions has a cost, but an even greater reward**

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

*"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you. (10-12)*