

The Result of True Bliss & Joy

Matthew 5:1-3 & Selected Scriptures

Introduction:

Biblical Joy: *An unspeakable gladness, a gift from God that refreshes our soul.*

- *Makarios - Blessed* = A constant sense of well-being, purpose, and significance.

The Result of Choosing Jesus' Worldview

Matthew 5:3 *"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."*

- *Pluralistic:* Worshipped a multitude of gods.
- *Relativistic:* No unified or objective definition for right and wrong.
- *Self-actualized:* They depend upon themselves for survival and success.
(John 14:6)

Here's the Truth: We are truly "*blessed*" only if we choose the worldview of Jesus, and adopt His _____ and priorities, learn His _____ for living, and apply His _____ to true success.

The Result of Seeking the "Blessing" of God

(Matthew 5:1-2)

- "*poor*" = to be as poor as a beggar - absolute and abject poverty.
- "*in spirit*" = to acknowledge our spiritual bankruptcy before God.

Matthew 5:3 (NLT) *"God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for Him, for the kingdom of heaven is theirs."*

Here's the Truth: *Only when we know how much we need*

_____ will we make Him our _____.

Conclusion:

- *What's in front of you today?*
- *What decision?*
- *What problem, issue, worry, or burden? Would you be poor in spirit about it today?*
- *Jesus is asking you today: Would you, before you leave, yield your life in absolute and utter dependence upon Me?*

Verse for May 2023 - Psalm 16:11 (ESV) *"You make known to me the path of life; in Your Presence there is fullness of joy; at Your Right Hand are pleasures forevermore."*

My Commitment: *"Lord, based upon what I heard You say to me this morning I choose to obey You by. . ."*

Our Fellowship: Before you leave ask someone: *"What did God say to you today?"*

Deuteronomy 30:14 (TM) *The Word is right here and now - as near as the tongue in your mouth, as near as the heart in your chest. Just do it!*