

April 15, 2018

2 Corinthians 5

17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

Beatitudes: Key Sections

1. "How" characteristics
2. "Who" characteristics

Matthew 5

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

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

5 "Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth."

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

Faith Metrics from the Beatitudes

1. Broken in your spirit
2. Grieving over your sin
3. Acting humbly towards others
4. Hungering for God's righteousness

Transformation Principle

The Christian faith is about transformation, not reformation

Matthew 5

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

Matthew 18 (NKJV)

23 Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. 24 And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. 25 But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. 26 The servant therefore fell down before him,

saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' 27 Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt.