

"Mourning and Meekness: Marks of the Redeemed" Matthew 5:4-5 ⁴Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.⁵Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

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 - Mourn deeply. Submit humbly. Trust fully.

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Every tear of repentance will become eternal joy.

The gospel is the good news that the just and gracious God of the universe looked upon hopelessly sinful people and sent His only Son, Jesus Christ, God in human flesh, to bear His wrath against sin on the cross and to show His power over sin in the resurrection so that everyone who turns from their sin (repentance) and believes in Him (faith) will be reconciled to God forever.