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The Knowledge You Keep ... Forever!

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For anyone interested in crossing over from:

1. Sinner to Saint
2. Believer to Disciple
3. Ignoble to Noble
4. Carnality to Divinity

All The Beatitudes

Kingdom Card Series
& Retention Workbook Report

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All The Beatitudes Intro and Cards

About The Kingdom Cards

These Kingdom Cards were developed to help me with my understanding of Biblical teaching. I found out that I enjoy doing research and matching up answers with questions. These have been a fun and fascinating series to discovery, develop, and publish. Every time I go through these cards, I see something different as if Holy Spirit was enlightening me on it, maybe taking me deeper, etc. These began as a flash card study project. Then I had my first Apple computer and was becoming acquainted with FileMaker, so I arranged my first database of questions and answers with these very cards. As time went on, I kept adding more study cards. When I started to help teach the children in Sunday school, I thought to myself, something that was colorful and challenging could be effective. I thought if it helped me, maybe somebody else might benefit as well, or maybe these might shorten the learning curve for newer believers. So here I am, over 20 years in the making.

Work-In-Progress Report

This is a work-in-process report to benefit humanity. Although much of this was revelation to me, it may only be information to you. Answering the questions will always help us decipher how well we really know these truths. *We are all "Cramming For Finals" in one way or another.*

FIPO: FOR INTERNAL PURPOSES ONLY

Keep the teachings inside where they can begin to effect each of us deeply. There is a season for everything. Every seed needs time to germinate, root, and get healthy before it can produce. It's a cycle. Until we know something, have experienced it, and witnessed results, we're cautious and keep a low profile. So acknowledgement and activation could help us abide and see better results.

***The Kingdom of God begins in the inner life,
where it is discovered and developed,
... then it flows outward!***

This series is a review of some very fundamental teachings by Jesus and His brother James. They convey very important information that will help hone and mature each reader.

The grand purpose of these is:

1. so humanity can shift from carnality into divinity (develop their own divine nature)
2. for each to personally produce the fruit of the Spirit
3. for each to demonstrate the Gifts of the Spirit

The results of these three items are **guaranteed to change our world** and the world around us.

I sincerely hope that the value you come away with will be more of the agape love of God, the riches of the provision and prosperity provided by Jesus, and the many gifts Holy Spirit has for you personally.

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The First Beatitude

Poor In Spirit • Humble, Not Arrogant

*Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. Matt 5:3 NIV*

*Blessed (happy, to be envied, and spiritually
prosperous, with life-joy and satisfaction in God's favor
and salvation, regardless of their outward conditions)
are the poor in spirit (humble who rate themselves
insignificant),
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven!
Matt 5:3 TAB*

*"Humble men are very fortunate!" He told them,
"for the Kingdom of Heaven is given to them."
Matt 5:3 TLB*

Humility - Anonymity - Obscurity

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The Second Beatitude

Mourners • Acknowledge Spiritual Needs

Those who acknowledge they have spiritual needs

*Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.
Matt 5:4 NIV*

*Blessed and enviably happy
(with a happiness produced by the experience
of God's favor and especially conditioned
by the revelation of His matchless grace)
are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted!
Matt 5:4 TAB*

*"Those who mourn are fortunate!
for they shall be comforted."
Matt 5:4 TLB*

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The Third Beatitude

Meek • Modest, Patient Without Bitterness

*Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.
Matt 5:5 NIV*

*Blessed (happy, blithesome, joyous, spiritually
prosperous, with life-joy and
satisfaction in God's favor and salvation,
regardless of their outward conditions)
are the meek (the mild, patient, long-suffering),
for they shall inherit the earth!
Matt 5:5 TAB*

*The meek and the lowly are fortunate!
for the whole wide world belongs to them.
Matt 5:5 TLB*

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The Fourth Beatitude

Righteousness • Deep Longing For God

*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst
for righteousness, for they will be filled.
Matt 5:6 NIV*

*Blessed and fortunate and happy and spiritually
prosperous (in that state in which the born-again
child of God enjoys His favor and salvation)
are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness
(uprightness and rightstanding with God),
for they shall be completely satisfied.
Matt 5:6 TAB*

*"Happy are those who long to be just and good,
for they shall be completely satisfied." Matt 5:6 TLB*

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The Fifth Beatitude

Merciful

Compassionate, considerate and helpful with total identification with another's situation.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.
Matt 5:7 NIV

Blessed (happy, to be envied,
and spiritually prosperous,
with life-joy and satisfaction
in God's favor and salvation,
regardless of their outward conditions)
are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy!
Matt 5:7 TAB

"Happy are the kind and merciful,
for they shall be shown mercy." Matt 5:7 TLB

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The Sixth Beatitude

Pure In Heart

Those who have secured their heart in God

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
Matt 5:8 NIV

Blessed (happy, enviably fortunate,
and spiritually prosperous,
possessing the happiness produced by
the experience of God's favor and
especially conditioned by the revelation
of His grace,
regardless of their outward conditions)
are the pure in heart,
for they shall see God!
Matt 5:8 TAB

"Happy are those whose hearts are pure,
for they shall see God."
Matt 5:8 TLB

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The Seventh Beatitude

Peacemakers

Peacemakers deliver sozo (salvation & healing)

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called sons of God.
Matt 5:9 NIV

Blessed (enjoying enviable happiness,
spiritually prosperous, with life-joy and satisfaction
in God's favor and salvation,
regardless of their outward conditions)
are the makers & maintainers of peace,
for they will be called sons of God.
Matt 5:9 TAB

"Happy are those who strive for peace,
they shall be called the sons of God."
Matt 5:9 TLB

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The Eighth Beatitude

Persecuted

falsely insulted, accused, slandered or rejected

Blessed are those who are persecuted
because of righteousness,
for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. NIV

Blessed and happy and enviably fortunate and
spiritually prosperous (in that state in which the
born-again child of God enjoys and finds satisfaction
in God's favor and salvation,
regardless of their outward conditions)
are those who are persecuted
for righteousness' sake (for being and doing right),
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven! TAB

"Happy are those who are persecuted because they are
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James Beatitude

Perseverance Under Trial

Patience!

*Blessed is a man who **perseveres under trial**;
for once he has been approved,
he will receive the crown of life,
which the Lord has promised
to those who love Him.
(James 1:12, NASB).*

*But blessed are your eyes, because they see;
and your ears, because they hear. Matt 13:16*

*Those who are patient under trial,
stand up to temptation and
study to show themselves approved and
activating their faith are living a Godly lifestyle!*

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Revelation Beatitude #1

God Blesses All Who Read & Obey

God Will Bless The One Who Reads And Obeys

Blessed is he who **reads**
and those who **hear** the words of the prophecy,
and **heed** the things which are written in it;
for the time is near.
(Revelation 1:3, NASB).

God blesses the one who reads this prophecy
to the church,
and he blesses all who listen to it
and
obey what it says.
(Revelation 1:3, NLT).

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Revelation Beatitude #2

Blessed Are Those Who Die In The Lord

And I heard a voice from heaven, saying,
"**Write**,

'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord
from now on!'

"Yes," says the Spirit,

**"that they may rest from their labors,
for their deeds follow with them."**

(Revelation 14:13, NASB).

And I heard a voice from heaven saying,

"Write this down:

Blessed are those who die in the Lord from now on.

Yes, says the Spirit, they are blessed indeed,
for they will *rest from all their toils and trials*;

for their good deeds follow them!"

(Revelation 14:13, NLT).

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Revelation Beatitude #3

Blessed Is The One Who Stays Awake

"Behold, I am coming like a thief.
Blessed is the one who **stays awake** (stays alert)
and keeps his garments,
lest he walk about naked and men see his
shame." (Revelation 16:15, NASB).

"Take note:

I will come as unexpectedly as a thief!
Blessed are all who are watching for me,
who keep their robes ready
so they will not need to walk naked and ashamed."
(Revelation 16:15, NLT).

Stay Focused - Always Be Ready!

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Revelation Beatitude #4

Blessed Are The Invited

Blessed Are Those Who Are Invited To The Marriage Supper Of The Lamb

And he said to me, "Write,
'Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage
supper of the Lamb.'"

And he said to me,
"These are true words of God."
(Revelation 19:9, NASB).

And the angel said, "Write this:
Blessed are those who are invited
to the wedding feast of the Lamb."

And he added,
"These are true words that come from God."
(Revelation 19:9, NLT).

**For many are called, but few are chosen Matt 22:14
"are chosen" means have elected or selected**

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Revelation Beatitude #5

Blessed Are Those Select Jesus

Blessed Are Those Who Share In The 1st Resurrection

Blessed and holy is the one who has a part
in the first resurrection

(those who abide in Christ);
over these the second death has no power,
but they will be priests of God and of Christ
and will reign with Him for a thousand years.
(Revelation 20:6, NASB).

Blessed and holy are those who
share in the first resurrection.
For them the second death holds no power,
but they will be priests of God and
of Christ and will reign with him a thousand years.
(Revelation 20:6, NLT).

Selecting Salvation is sharing in the 1st resurrection.

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Revelation Beatitude #6

Blessed Is The One Who Heeds My Words

"And behold, I am coming quickly.
Blessed is he who **heeds**
the words of the prophecy of this book."
(Revelation 22:7, NASB).

"Look, I am coming soon!
Blessed are those who **obey** the prophecy
written in this scroll."
(Revelation 22:7, LB).

King Saul found out how true this is.
Read 1 Samuel 15, specifically 22-23
- to obey is better than sacrifice
- rebellion is as the sin of divination
- you have rejected the word of the LORD
- he has also rejected you from being king

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Revelation Beatitude #7

Blessed Are All Who Stay Clean & follow Jesus

Blessed are those who **wash their robes,**
that they may have the **right to the tree of life,**
and may enter by the gates into the city.
(Revelation 22:14, NASB).

Peter answered him, "We have left everything to follow you!
What then will there be for us?" Jesus said to them, "I tell you
the truth, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man
sits on his glorious throne,
you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones,
judging the twelve tribes of Israel. (Matt 19:27,28).

I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been
given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who
had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus
and because of the word of God.
They had not worshipped the beast or his image and
had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands.
They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand
years. Rev 20:4

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All The Beatitudes Retention Q&A

The First Beatitude

POOR IN SPIRIT • HUMBLE, NOT ARROGANT

Blessed are the poor in _____, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. Matt 5:3 NIV

Blessed (happy, to be envied, and spiritually prosperous, with life-joy and satisfaction in God's favor and salvation, regardless of their outward conditions) are the poor in _____ (humble who rate themselves _____), for theirs is the kingdom of heaven! (Matt 5:3 TAB)

"_____ men are very fortunate!" He told them, "for the Kingdom of Heaven is _____ to them." Matt 5:3 TLB

- ☒ 1st Beatitude is about humility, anonymity, and being comfortable in obscurity. It is a big deal, in order to move ahead with Jesus.

The Second Beatitude

MOURNERS • THOSE WHO ACKNOWLEDGE THEY HAVE SPIRITUAL NEEDS

Blessed are those who _____, for they will be _____. Matt 5:4 NIV

Blessed and enviably happy (with a happiness produced by the experience of God's favor and especially conditioned by the revelation of His matchless grace) are those who _____, for they shall be comforted! Matt 5:4 TAB

"Those who mourn are _____! for they shall be comforted." Matt 5:4 TLB

- ☒ 2nd Beatitude addresses real grief and suffering from loss, and also those who acknowledge they have spiritual needs. God sees, knows, and is trying to comfort. Be aware of this and open to receive.

The Third Beatitude

MEEK • MODEST, PATIENT WITHOUT BITTERNESS

Blessed are the _____, for they will _____ the earth. Matt 5:5 NIV

Blessed (happy, blithesome, joyous, spiritually prosperous, with life-joy and satisfaction in God's favor and salvation, regardless of their outward conditions) are the _____ (the mild, patient, long-suffering), for they shall inherit the _____! Matt 5:5 TAB

The _____ and the lowly are fortunate! for the whole wide _____ belongs to them. Matt 5:5

- ☒ 3rd Beatitude identifies that gentle behavior produces a much better Godly inheritance.

The Fourth Beatitude**RIGHTEOUSNESS • DEEP LONGING FOR GOD**

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for _____, for they will be _____ . Matt 5:6 NIV

Blessed and fortunate and happy and spiritually prosperous (in that state in which the born-again child of God enjoys His favor and salvation) are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness (uprightness and _____ with God), for they shall be completely _____ . Matt 5:6 TAB

"Happy are those who long to be _____ and _____, for they shall be completely _____ ." Matt 5:6 TLB

☒ 4th Beatitude addresses a deep approval God grants for those who wait on Him.

The Fifth Beatitude**MERCIFUL**

Compassionate, considerate and helpful with total identification with another's situation.

Blessed are the _____, for they will be shown _____ . Matt 5:7 NIV

Blessed (happy, to be envied, and spiritually prosperous, with life-joy & _____ in God's favor and salvation, regardless of their outward conditions) are the merciful, for they shall obtain _____! Matt 5:7 TAB

"Happy are the _____ and merciful, for they shall be shown _____." Matt 5:7 TLB

☒ 5th Beatitude identifies the practice of placing others needs before your own.

The Sixth Beatitude**PURE IN HEART**

Those who have secured their heart in God

Blessed are the _____ in heart, for they will _____ God. Matt 5:8 NIV

Blessed (happy, enviably fortunate, and spiritually prosperous, possessing the happiness produced by the experience of God's favor and especially conditioned by the revelation of His grace, regardless of their outward conditions) are the pure in _____, for they shall _____ God! Matt 5:8 TAB

"Happy are those whose hearts are _____, for they shall _____ God." Matt 5:8 TLB

- ☒ 6th Beatitude identifies that being clean, pure, guiltless, innocent, and upright are all issues to make it your personal business to deal with in order to see God.

The Seventh Beatitude

PEACEMAKERS

Peacemakers deliver sozo (salvation & healing)

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called _ _ _ _ of God. Matt 5:9 NIV

Blessed (enjoying enviable happiness, spiritually prosperous, with life-joy and satisfaction in God's favor and salvation, regardless of their outward conditions) are the makers & maintainers of _ _ _ _ , for they will be called _ _ _ _ of God. Matt 5:9 TAB

"Happy are those who _ _ _ _ _ for peace, they shall be called the _ _ _ _ of God." Matt 5:9 TLB

- ☒ 7th Beatitude discusses anyone sharing the same nature as their Father becomes a son.

The Eighth Beatitude

PERSECUTED

Those falsely insulted, accused, slandered or rejected

Blessed are those who are _ _ _ _ _ because of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. NIV

Blessed and happy and enviably fortunate and spiritually prosperous (in that state in which the born-again child of God enjoys and finds satisfaction in God's favor and salvation, regardless of their outward conditions) are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake (for _ _ _ _ _ and _ _ _ _ _ right), for theirs is the kingdom of heaven! TAB

"Happy are those who are persecuted because they are _ _ _ _ , for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs." TLB

- ☒ 8th Beatitude deals with God in you the source of true righteousness and the issue of divinity, which is the demonstration of Godly attributes.

James Beatitude

PERSEVERANCE UNDER TRIAL

Blessed is a man who _ _ _ _ _ under _ _ _ _ _; for once he has been approved, he will receive the _ _ _ _ _ of life, which the Lord has promised to those who _ _ _ _ Him. (James 1:12, NASB).

But blessed are your _ _ _ , because they see; and your _ _ _ , because they hear. Matt 13:16

- ☒ James' Beatitude - Those who are patient under trial, stand up to temptations, symptoms, and circumstances, study to show themselves approved and activating their faith are living a Godly lifestyle!

Revelation Beatitude #1

GOD WILL BLESS THE ONE WHO READS AND OBEYS

Blessed is he who _ _ _ _ and those who _ _ _ _ the words of the prophecy, and _ _ _ _ the things which are written in it; for the time is near. (Revelation 1:3, NASB).

God blesses the one who _ _ _ _ this prophecy to the church, and he blesses all who _ _ _ _ to it and _ _ _ _ what it says. (Revelation 1:3, NLT).

- ☒ Revelation Beatitude #1 identify reading scripture, hearing and understanding what it says, and then obeying it and doing what it says. Jesus came back decades later to remind the church of this.

Revelation Beatitude #2

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD

And I heard a voice from heaven, saying, "Write, 'Blessed are the _ _ _ _ who _ _ _ in the Lord from now on!'" "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may _ _ _ _ from their labors, for their _ _ _ _ follow with them." (Revelation 14:13, NASB).

And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this down: Blessed are those who _ _ _ in the Lord from now on. Yes, says the Spirit, they are blessed indeed, for they will _ _ _ _ from all their _ _ _ _ and _ _ _ _ ; for their good deeds _ _ _ _ them!" (Revelation 14:13, NLT).

- ☒ Revelation Beatitude #2: Jesus addresses martyrdom and that it has immediate ramifications of sharing His eternal glory and that all of your treasure (good works credit) are moved on with you.

Revelation Beatitude #3

BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO STAYS AWAKE

"Behold, I am coming like a _ _ _ _ . Blessed is the one who _ _ _ _ awake (_ _ _ _ alert) and _ _ _ _ his garments, lest he walk about naked and men see his shame." (Revelation 16:15, NASB).

"Take note: I will come as unexpectedly as a _ _ _ _ ! Blessed are all who are _ _ _ _ for me, who keep their robes _ _ _ _ so they will _ _ _ need to walk naked and ashamed." (Revelation 16:15, NLT).

- ☒ Revelation Beatitude #3; The diligence and mindfulness of staying alert staying focused, and always being ready is an expected practice by Jesus for His saints.

Revelation Beatitude #4**BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE INVITED TO THE MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB**

And he said to me, "Write, 'Blessed are those who are _____ to the _____ supper of the Lamb.'" And he said to me, "These are true words of God." (Revelation 19:9, NASB).

And the angel said, "Write this: Blessed are those who are _____ to the _____ feast of the Lamb." And he added, "These are true words that come from God." (Revelation 19:9, NLT).

- ☒ Revelation Beatitude #4; For many are called, but few are chosen Matt 22:14 "are chosen" means have elected or selected. Saints to select this venue and maintain their invitation status.

Revelation Beatitude #5**BLESSED AND HOLY ARE THOSE WHO SHARE IN THE FIRST RESURRECTION**

Blessed and holy is the one who has a _____ in the first _____ (those who abide in Christ); over these the second _____ has no _____, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will _____ with Him for a thousand years. (Revelation 20:6, NASB).

Blessed and holy are those who share in the _____ resurrection. For them the _____ death holds no _____, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will _____ with him a thousand years. (Revelation 20:6, NLT).

- ☒ Revelation Beatitude #5; Jesus makes it clear that He knows who has crossed over from sinner to saint and who has joined Him is His work of building His Father's kingdom. Those who join in with Jesus have bypassed death (John 5:24), and have bypassed judgement.

Revelation Beatitude #6**BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO HEEDS MY WORDS**

"And behold, I am coming quickly. Blessed is he who _____ the words of the prophecy of this book." (Revelation 22:7, NASB).

"Look, I am coming soon! Blessed are those who _____ the prophecy written in this scroll." (Revelation 22:7, LB).

- ☒ Revelation Beatitude #6; Jesus lets His disciples know that He expects them to be obedient, just like He was to His Father.

Revelation Beatitude #7**BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO STAY CLEAN & FOLLOW JESUS**

Blessed are those who _ _ _ _ their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of _ _ _ _ , and may enter by the gates into the city. (Revelation 22:14, NASB).

Peter answered him, "We have left everything to follow you! What then will there be for us?" Jesus said to them, "I _ _ _ _ you the truth, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ me will also _ _ _ _ on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. (Matt 19:27,28).

I saw _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ on which were seated those who had been given authority to _ _ _ _ _ . And I saw the souls of those who had been _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had _ _ _ _ worshipped the beast or his image and had not received his _ _ _ _ on their foreheads or their hands. They came to _ _ _ _ and _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ with Christ for a thousand years. Rev 20:4

- ☒ Revelation Beatitude #7; This is the capstone section for staying clean and the benefits thereof. We see how loyalty to God pays off FOREVER!

Humility - Anonymity - Obscurity

*If It Doesn't Challenge You,
It Doesn't Change You!*

Teachings of Jesus Christ Study Notes

The First Beatitude

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. Matt 5:3 NIV

PRINCIPLE

Poor Definition 4434 ptóchos: poor, destitute, spiritually poor, either in a good sense (humble devout persons) or bad.

Poor In Spirit • Humble, not arrogant, humble who rate themselves insignificant. John the Baptist gave us a great teaching in John 3:30-36 which personifies this principle and leads us to make room for Jesus in us.

- *"And he who believes in (has faith in, clings to, relies on) the Son has (now possesses) eternal life. But whoever disobeys (is unbelieving toward, refuses to trust in, disregards, is not subject to) the Son will never see (experience) life, but [instead] the wrath of God abides on him. [God's displeasure remains on him; His indignation hangs over him continually.] [Hab. 2:4.] For since He Whom God has sent speaks the words of God [proclaims God's own message], God does not give Him His Spirit sparingly or by measure, but boundless is the gift God makes of His Spirit! [Deut. 18:18.] The Father loves the Son and has given (entrusted, committed) everything into His hand. [Dan. 7:14.] Whoever receives His testimony has set his seal of approval to this: God is true. [That man has definitely certified, acknowledged, declared once and for all, and is himself assured that it is divine truth that God cannot lie]. It is to what He has [actually] seen and heard that He bears testimony, and yet no one accepts His testimony [no one receives His evidence as true]. **He Who comes from above (heaven) is [far] above all [others];** he who comes from the earth belongs to the earth, and talks the language of earth [his words are from an earthly standpoint]. **He Who comes from heaven is [far] above all others [far superior to all others in prominence and in excellence]. He must increase, but I must decrease.** [He must grow more prominent; I must grow less so.] [Isa. 9:7.]" John 3:30-36*

HOW JESUS DRAMATIZED OR DEMONSTRATED

- *And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14, NASB).*

We see here that Jesus dramatized this level of humility by downgrading His position, by becoming a man.

HOW JESUS TAUGHT HUMILITY

- *"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45, NASB).*
- *"Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends. (Jn 15:13).*
- *"For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. (John 10:17, NASB).*
- *"Whoever receives this child in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me; for he who is least among you, this is the one who is great." (Luke 9:48, NASB).*

RHEMA FROM HOLY SPIRIT

Before He became man, Jesus purposely volunteered to shift Himself from the Son of God, to the son of man, to be placed in the womb of Mary. **He initiated transparency and a vulnerability that is unprecedented in all history.** In response to this, Satan retaliated by having 1000's of children slain (thru Herod), at the time, and in the geographic location Jesus was born in. Satan was already jealous of and

knew who Jesus was, so he tried to sabotage the whole nativity. Satan comes to steal, kill and destroy but Jesus came to bring abundant life; Jn 10:10. Jesus modeled transparency and vulnerability.

HOW APOSTLES AMPLIFIED

- *Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. (Phil 2:5-8).*

X-REF EDIFICATION

Pray, fast and give, in secret, only for your fathers eyes, where you are to please Him alone. Then you will begin to know Him and He can reward you by His method. Jn 6:1-8.

X-REF ENCOURAGEMENT

Who can I serve? Who can I serve better? Am I pleasing to my Father?

- *"Whoever then humbles himself as this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 18:4, NASB).*
- *"But the greatest among you shall be your servant. (Matthew 23:11, NASB).*
- *"But not so with you, but let him who is the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as the servant. (Luke 22:26, NASB).*

The Second Beatitude

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Matt 5:4 NIV

PRINCIPLE

Mourn definition: to properly, grieve over a death.

Does this have anything to do with mortification of the flesh? **Was Jesus telling us that, as we die to ourselves, and initiate the mortification of our flesh to make room for Jesus and Holy Spirit, that upon His presence we will be comforted?**

Although mourners do grieve over their dead, mourners could also be those who personally grieve over their sin, and acknowledge they have spiritual needs. Acknowledging a personal sinner status, to crossover to becoming a Saint, is part of true salvation, and openly declaring Jesus as Savior would be in alignment with this value. It also could be adjacent to bending a knee.

HOW JESUS DRAMATIZED OR DEMONSTRATED

Jesus came to bring abundant life and acknowledged others needs. Here is how He demonstrated:

1. Leper: Matt 8:2; Centurion, Matt 8:8;
2. Peter's Mother-in-law, Matt 8:14;
3. Healed all, Matt 8:16,35;
4. Calmed Storm, Matt 8:23;
5. Delivered Oppressed demoniac, 8:28;
6. Healed paralytic (forgave sin), Matt 9:2;
7. Called Matt, Matt 9:9;
8. On way to healing Synagogue officials daughter, healed hemorrhaging woman, Matt 9:18;
9. Restored eyes and speech, 9:27.

Jesus comforted everybody in their particular needs.

HOW JESUS TAUGHT

- *"Truly, truly, I say to you, that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned to joy. (John 16:20, NASB).*
- *"But go and learn what this means, 'I DESIRE COMPASSION, AND NOT SACRIFICE,' for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners." (Matthew 9:13, NASB).*

RHEMA FROM HOLY SPIRIT

Jesus knew the absolute need of mankind, and as our Shepherd, King and Lord He faithfully fulfilled what He knew to do (in becoming man and taking on all the sin of the world). He came and demonstrated the heart of the Father and delivered to mankind a new model to operate within. Men have to give up the failed system (OT Covenant Clergy Structure, not moral teachings) which was about to made obsolete. So in His own understanding of our spiritual needs Jesus rescued us with His teachings and demonstration of the Gospel, and delivery of heavenly standards in a new covenant.

HOW APOSTLES AMPLIFIED

- *For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. (1 Corinthians 2:2, NASB).*
- *More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish in order that I may gain Christ, (Phil 3:8).*
- *His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. (2 Peter 1:3,4, NIV).*

X-REF EDIFICATION

- *For He delivered us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, (Colossians 1:13, NASB).*
- *You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. (1 John 4:4, NIV).*

X-REF ENCOURAGEMENT

- *When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. (Mark 10:14, NIV).*
- *I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. (John 14:12, NIV).*

The Third Beatitude

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Matt 5:5 NIV

PRINCIPLE

The meek are fortunate because the whole wide world belongs to them. Matt 5:5 TLB

The word meek is defined as gentle and mild mannered. However this interesting Greek explanation has a difficult-to-translate root (pra-), meaning more than "meek." Biblical meekness is not weakness but rather it refers to exercising God's strength under His control – i.e. **demonstrating power without undue harshness**. This lends a whole different perspective on meaning.

Meek • modest, patient without bitterness (as if He was waiting for His (very young) disciples to mature and for the religious (who He taught from the age of 12) to begin to recognize Him and turn from their ways to God.

Taking all this into consideration, as we move ahead with God, and begin to carry His presence, we also begin to sense a mild mannerliness within us, because of the added dimension of Holy Spirit's activation. It's almost as if we carry an unfair advantage over so many temptations, infirmities and circumstances. **Meekness is never weakness, its a quiet superiority that moves in humility, anonymity, and very often obscurity, just like Jesus did.**

HOW JESUS DRAMATIZED OR DEMONSTRATED

- *"O unbelieving generation," Jesus replied, "how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy to me." (Mark 9:19, NIV).*
- *You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life. (John 5:39,40, NIV).*

HOW JESUS TAUGHT

- *"Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart; and YOU SHALL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. (Matthew 11:29, NASB).*
- *Pilate therefore said to Him, "So You are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say correctly that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice." (John 18:37, NASB).*

RHEMA FROM HOLY SPIRIT

Modesty infers something to be modest about (strength, power, knowledge, righteousness, etc). Jesus, as creator of the universe certainly had room to boast and certainly demonstrated patience without bitterness while walking with us here on earth. He spoke gently and changed lives. He released God's favor everywhere He went (Luke 4:19). He did warn and correct the Sanhedrin, but did not destroy anything, because He knew of the coming establishment of His New Covenant model.

HOW APOSTLES AMPLIFIED

- *Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom. (James 3:13, NASB).*
- *For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fulness to dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven. (Colossians 1:19,20, NASB).*

X-REF EDIFICATION

- *For in Him all the fulness of Deity dwells in bodily form, and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority; (Colossians 2:9,10, NASB).*

- *All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said, that He takes of Mine, and will disclose (transmit) it to you. (Jn 16:15).*

X-REF ENCOURAGEMENT

- *"By your endurance you will gain your lives. (Luke 21:19, NASB).*
- *Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (Jn 4:13,14).*

Jesus changed the woman's source of Love from carnal to Him then she went and evangelized the town.

The Fourth Beatitude

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Matt 5:6 NIV

PRINCIPLE

Hunger and thirst for righteousness could be defined as **having an earnest desire to be right with God, and a desire for divine approval.**

Righteousness • Deep longing for God; (how bad do you want to know your Father?) Am I motivated to set aside time to spend with Him alone?

HOW JESUS DRAMATIZED OR DEMONSTRATED

- *And after He had sent the multitudes away, He went up to the mountain by Himself to pray;... (Matt 14:23, NASB).*
- *...He went off to the mountain to pray, and He spent the whole night in prayer to God. (Luke 6:12, NASB).*
- *And some eight days after these sayings, it came about that He took along Peter and John and James, and went up to the mountain to pray. (Luke 9:28, NASB).*

HOW JESUS TAUGHT

- *'Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him, and will dine with him, and he with Me. (Revelation 3:20, NASB).*
- *"And be like men who are waiting for their master when he returns from the wedding feast, so that they may immediately open the door to him when he comes and knocks. "Blessed are those slaves whom the master shall find on the alert when he comes; truly I say to you, that he will gird himself to serve, and have them recline at the table, and will come up and wait on them. (Luke 12:36,37, NASB).*

RHEMA FROM HOLY SPIRIT

Jesus, the righteousness of God, delivered the Kingdom of God to those who have a deep longing for God. He has satisfied all requirements for us to have a reconciled relationship with Father and bring us into the availability of an adopted relationship with God Himself. He really understands our deep longing, which is why He stands at your door and knocks. He wants to know you. The deep longing starts with God for us and hopefully we get it.

HOW APOSTLES AMPLIFIED

- *For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. (Romans 8:19, NASB).*
- *For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust. (2 Peter 1:4, NASB).*

X-REF EDIFICATION

- *One who speaks in a tongue edifies himself; but one who prophesies edifies the church. (1 Cor 14:4, NASB).*
- *Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life, which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. (James 1:12, NASB).*

X-REF ENCOURAGEMENT

- *But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves. (James 1:22).*
- *for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. (Rom 8:13,14).*

The Fifth Beatitude

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Matt 5:7 NIV

PRINCIPLE

Merciful is defined as 1655 eleēmōn – merciful, acting consistently with, and loyalty to the revelation of God's covenant.

Merciful - **Compassionate, considerate and helpful with total identification with another's situation.**

HOW JESUS DRAMATIZED OR DEMONSTRATED

- *Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will." (Matthew 26:39, NIV).*
- *knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, said, "I am thirsty." (Jn 19:28).*
- *...Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. (John 19:30, NIV).*

HOW JESUS TAUGHT

- *"No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father." (John 10:18, NASB).*
- *"My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. (John 4:34, NIV).*
- *"I can do nothing on My own initiative. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. (John 5:30, NASB).*

RHEMA FROM HOLY SPIRIT

Jesus demonstrated the “total identification with another's situation” by undertaking His ministry on earth to take away the sin of the world and to render Satan powerless. He could see mankind was stuck and defeated, hopeless without a Savior, so He became sin so we can become God's righteousness, His workmanship, His family. With that revelation, it also occurred to me that we could be a part of the family business, ushering the Kingdom of God for others, becoming a light and salt.

HOW APOSTLES AMPLIFIED

- *The next day he saw Jesus coming to him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! (John 1:29, NASB).*
- *He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. (2 Corinthians 5:21, NASB).*
- *who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds. (Titus 2:14, NASB).*
- *and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed. (1 Peter 2:24, NASB).*

X-REF EDIFICATION

- *And you know that He appeared in order to take away sins; and in Him there is no sin. (1 John 3:5, NASB).*
- *"The thief comes only to steal, and kill, and destroy; I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly. (John 10:10, NASB).*

X-REF ENCOURAGEMENT

- *Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us--for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE"-- (Galatians 3:13, NASB).*

The Sixth Beatitude

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Matt 5:8 NIV

PRINCIPLE

Pure is defined as: clean, pure, unstained, either literally or ceremonially or spiritually; guiltless, innocent, upright. Pure In Heart - **Those who have secured their heart in God. This may refer to those who have shifted from sinner to saint to believer, and then to disciple (making it there business to be like God).**

HOW JESUS DRAMATIZED OR DEMONSTRATED

- *"For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him, may have eternal life; and I Myself will raise him up on the last day." (John 6:40, NASB).*
- *"Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world. (John 17:24, NIV).*

HOW JESUS TAUGHT

- *"Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains by itself alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. (John 12:24, NASB).*
- *Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me. (John 14:6, NASB).*
- *"He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who is seeking the glory of the One who sent Him, He is true, and there is no unrighteousness in Him. (John 7:18, NASB).*

HOW APOSTLES AMPLIFIED

- *Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight. (Proverbs 3:5,6, NASB).*
- *We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ, and we are ready to punish all disobedience, whenever your obedience is complete. (2 Corinthians 10:5,6, NASB).*
- *For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous. (Romans 5:19, NASB).*

RHEMA FROM HOLY SPIRIT

Purity of heart and trusting are synonymous. Jesus took the cup, was obedient to finish the task and completed the mission. His seed bears much fruit today because He has secured His heart in God. Jesus' teachings and examples will keep us on the narrow road of abundance. Jesus had secured His heart in God: I and the Father are one." (John 10:30, NIV). But if I do it, even though you do not believe me, believe the miracles, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me, and I in the Father." (John 10:38, NIV).

X-REF EDIFICATION

Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart, (1 Peter 1:22, NASB).

X-REF ENCOURAGEMENT

- *To the pure, all things are pure; but to those who are defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure, but both their mind and their conscience are defiled. (Titus 1:15, NASB).*
- *But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy. And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. (James 3:17,18, NASB).*

The Seventh Beatitude

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God. Matt 5:9 NIV

PRINCIPLE

Peacemaker is defined as a one who bravely declares God's gospel terms which makes someone whole. Wholeness could also refer to being at one with God, because when we are joined together with God in salvation there is peace. **Peacemakers bring about sozo (salvation, healing & life). They forgive sin and impart life, as modeled by Jesus.**

HOW JESUS DRAMATIZED OR DEMONSTRATED

- *He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. (Mark 4:39, NIV).*
- *He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering." (Mk 5:34).*

HOW JESUS TAUGHT

- *"But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He Himself is kind to ungrateful and evil men. L6:35*
- *"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." (John 16:33, NIV).*

RHEMA FROM HOLY SPIRIT

Jesus taught peacemaking in Luke 6:35. He demonstrated real peacemaking on the cross by overcoming sin (which had separated us from God) and He deprived it of its power. His establishment of peace was making a new mankind, one without "the Law" (Rom 10:4) and one becoming joint heirs with Jesus; heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ. (Rom 8:17). Jesus took authority by speaking things that had not been spoken before (unseen by man) as though they were common, ushering new dimensions of His kingdom. By this, He modeled the New Testament.

HOW APOSTLES AMPLIFIED

- *by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace, (Ephesians 2:15).*
- *For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, (subdued, overcame, deprived it of its power) (Romans 8:3, NASB).*
- *As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations." He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed--the God who gives life to the dead and calls things that are not as though they were. (Rom 4:17, NIV).*

X-REF EDIFICATION

- *yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach-- (Colossians 1:22, NASB).*

X-REF ENCOURAGEMENT

- *having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us and which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. (Colossians 2:14, NASB).*
- *Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no-one condemned you?" "No-one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin." (John 8:10, 11, NIV).*

The Eighth Beatitude

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

PRINCIPLE

Although culturally the word persecuted means falsely insulted, accused, slandered or rejected, this meaning is not consistent with the Greek meaning.

Greek word dióko #1377 means to pursue, to aggressively chase, like a hunter pursuing a catch. In this manner Jesus was pursued by the religious leaders of His day, and all the Apostles were pursued as well until they were all terminated. History records the record of the first century church being persecuted. Today many are still persecuted.

HOW JESUS DRAMATIZED OR DEMONSTRATED

- ...*"He took up our infirmities and carried our diseases."* (Matthew 8:17, NIV).
- *Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.* (Isaiah 53:4,5, NIV).

HOW JESUS TAUGHT

- *"Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of Man will be delivered to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn Him to death, (Matthew 20:18, NASB).*
- *just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.* Matt 20:28
- *I lay down My life for the sheep. (John 10:15, NASB).*
- *"Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends. (John 15:13, NASB).*

RHEMA FROM HOLY SPIRIT

The Gospel records many times the slander and hatred the religious had against Jesus (who He came to save). Obviously He finished His work, even under terrible conditions. Jesus modeled to His followers to stay on the narrow road, obey His commandments and Holy Spirit (which would indicate a need to know Holy Spirit) and stay in fellowship with one another (1John 1:7) staying out of darkness, walking in the light where the blood of Jesus keeps us clean and productive.

HOW APOSTLES AMPLIFIED

- *we are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are constantly being delivered over to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. (2 Corinthians 4:8-11, NASB).*
- *So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord, or ashamed of me his prisoner. But join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God, (2 Timothy 1:8, NIV).*
- *If we endure, we shall also reign with Him; If we deny Him, He also will deny us; If we are faithless, He remains faithful; for He cannot deny Himself. (2 Timothy 2:12,13, NASB).*

X-REF EDIFICATION

- *"Blessed are you when men hate you, and ostracize you, and cast insults at you, and spurn your name as evil, for the sake of the Son of Man. (Luke 6:22, NASB).*

X-REF ENCOURAGEMENT

- *"Remember the word that I said to you, 'A slave is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you; if they kept My word, they will keep yours also. (John 15:20, NASB).*