

#BLESSED series
Week 4
October 31, 2021
Matthew 5:6

A FULL APPETITE FOR GOD

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

*4 Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.*

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

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

I. The Blessing of Satisfaction

A. Re-centering in God's Blessing

- God's blessings are more like a river than a stick
- That which makes us satisfied in him, draws us to Jesus, and cling to the eternal

B. Beatitudes

- Meaning: the word *beatitude* comes from the latin *beatus*, meaning "blessedness"
- Context: **Mt 4:17**
"from that time on Jesus began to preach, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near'"

II. Like a Hand in a Glove

1. The unrighteousness life

- Leaves us with deep seated dissatisfaction
- Ends with the longing for anything that will bring real life

2. The self-righteousness life

- Leads us to chronic dissatisfaction
- Ends with constant comparison to others in pride or shame

3. The Christ-Righteous life

- Lives in us bringing a deep satisfaction
- Leads us to a life of COMPASSION rather than COMPARISON

LIKE A HAND IN A GLOVE
THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF CHRIST
LIVES IN US AND LEADS US,
FULLY SATISFIED IN HIM &
FULLY CONTENT IN OUR PURPOSE.

III. Changing How We Live: A Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness Inside and Out

A. Being Transformed yet Completely Content (2 Cor 3:18, Phil 4:11-13)

How to Grow an Appetite for God...

1. **Perceive:** our poorness of spirit *"blessed are the poor in spirit"*
Acknowledge the need for our Savior, Jesus
2. **Position:** our hearts to allow for mourning *"blessed are those who mourn"*
Surrender ourselves, mourning our sin in repentance to Jesus
3. **Posture:** our lives in humility *"blessed are those who are meek"*
Walk in the meekness of Jesus
4. **Passion:** our desire for righteousness *"blessed are those who hunger and thirst"*
Receive full satisfaction by faith in the righteousness of Jesus

THE BLESSING OF BEING TRANSFORMED AND REMAINING CONTENT ARE NOT A
PARADOX—BOTH EXIST IN THE RIGHTEOUS JESUS

B. Your Kingdom Come, Your Will Be Done

1. We Bless through Prayer

*"YOUR KINGDOM COME,
YOUR WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN"*

2. We Bless in Life (Ephesians 2:1-10)

*"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which
God prepared in advance for us to do."*

WE HAVE BEEN BLESSED AND ARE TO BE A BLESSING.
GOD HAS A GOOD WORK, PREPARED IN ADVANCE FOR US TO DO.

3. We Bless to Praise (John 6:32-40)

*"I am the Bread of Life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever
believes in me will never be thirsty"—John 6:35*

JUSTIFIED THROUGH THE FINISHED WORK OF THE CROSS,
SANCTIFIED IN THE POWERFUL WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,
AND MOBILIZED FOR THE GOOD WORK OF SHARING OUR FAITH;
WE ARE BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING.