



The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-12)

The third way is all about the radical _____ of Jesus.

Matthew 5:3-12 (NIV)

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

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

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

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

⁷Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

⁸Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

⁹Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted because of
righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and
falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.¹² Rejoice
and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the
same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

- The first thing we need is a different _____ on the Beatitudes.
- The Beatitudes isn't a list of virtues for us to cultivate; it's a description of _____ people who are _____ of God's grace.

“Jesus is not suggesting that these are simply timeless truths about the way the world is, about human behaviour. If he was saying that, he was wrong. Mourners often go uncomforted, the meek don't inherit the earth, those who long for justice frequently take that longing to the grave. This is an upside-down world, or perhaps a right-way-up world; and Jesus is saying that with his work it's starting to come true. This is an announcement, not a philosophical analysis of the world. It's about something that's starting to happen, not about a general truth of life. It is gospel: good news, not good advice” -- *N. T. Wright, Matthew for Everyone, Part 1: Chapters 1–15 [London: Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, 2004], 36.*

- The beatitudes are an invitation to accept _____ in the midst of brokenness.
- The beatitudes are an invitation to accept _____ about life.
- Jesus is showing us how life works when the kingdom of God _____ our brokenness.
- God's grace is in the world for the _____.
- The beatitudes show us how God's grace works in _____.
- The third invitation is to shift our thinking from the Beatitudes as slogans for self-help to _____ that _____ how we treat others.
- If the Beatitudes tell us anything it's this: God's grace should purge us of all _____.