

Blessed are the Poor in Spirit

Series: Sermon on the Mount

Beatitudes – the “Blessed Life”

Many of them are counter-intuitive

There is something about the kingdom that apart from the teaching of Jesus, we would never comprehend

Matt 5:3 ESV Blessed are the poor in spirit
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven

Eph 2:8-10 ESV

For by **grace** you have been saved through faith.
And this is not your own doing; it is the **gift** of God,
9 not a result of works, so that **no one may boast.**

Isaiah “I am a man of unclean lips”

Gideon “my family is the least in Manasseh”

Jeremiah “I do not know how to speak”

Moses “Who am I?”

Peter “Depart, for I am a sinful man.”

Paul “I am the chiefest of sinners.”

Luk 18:9-14 ESV He also told this parable to some **who trusted in themselves** that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: 10 "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, **I thank you that I am not like other men**, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. 12 I **fast** twice a week; I **give tithes** of all that I get.'

13 But the tax collector, **standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes** to heaven, but **beat his breast,** saying, 'God, **be merciful** to me, **a sinner!**'

14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

Php 3:4(b)-11 ESV If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: 5 **circumcised** on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a **Pharisee**; 6 as to **zeal**, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, **blameless**. 7 But whatever gain I had, **I counted as loss** for the sake of Christ. 8 Indeed, **I count everything as loss** because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

For his sake **I have suffered the loss** of all things and count them as rubbish, in order **that I may gain Christ** 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith-- 10 **that I may know him** and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.