Calvary Chapel Kauaí "The Blessings of the Kingdom"

Matthew 5:1-16

Introduction

I The Eagerness of the Disciples
A. He saw the
B. He went up on a mountain side and sat down
1. His came to Him 2. He began to them - Mt 4:17
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II The Instruction of the Disciples
A. Blessed are the in spirit - Lk 18:19ff; Rom 7:24-25
1. For theirs is the kingdom of heaven - Lk 17:20-21; 22:18
B. Blessed are those who Gen 37:34; Mk 16:10
1. For they will be comforted - Isa 61:1-2
C. Blessed are the Num 12:3; Phil 2:5-11
1. For they will inherit the earth - Ps 37:10-11
D. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for
1. For they will be filled - Mt 6:33; Ps 107:9; Prov 21:21
E. Blessed are the Lam 3:22-23; Lk 6:35-36
1. For they will be shown mercy - Mt18:21-35;Jam
2:12-13
F. Blessed are the in heart - Mt 23:25-26
1. For they will see God - Ps 27:4; 51:10
G. Blessed are the Rom 12:18; 2 Cor 5:17-20
1. For they will be called sons of God - Eph 5:1-2
H. Blessed are those who are because of
righteousness - 2 Tim 3:12; Jn 3:19-20; Lk 21:17
1. For theirs is the kingdom of heaven
I. Blessed are you when people you, persecute you and
falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me
1. Rejoice and be glad - 1 Pt 4:12-16
a. Because great is your in heaven - Rom 8:18
b. For in the same way they persecuted the prophets

who were before you

III The Characteristics of the Disciples
A. You are the of the earth - Lev 2:13
1. The consequences of loss of saltiness
a. It can't be made salty again
b. It is no longer for anything, except:
1. To be thrown out
2. To be trampled by men
B. You are the of the world - 1 Jn 1:5-7
1. A city on a hill cannot be hidden
2. Don't light a and put it under a bowl. Instead:
a. Put it on its stand
b. It gives light to everyone in the house
3. In the same way, let your light before men that:
a. They may your good deeds - Mt 6:1; 1 Pt 2:12
b. They may your Father in heaven - 2 Cor
9:13

PERSONAL APPLICATION

Take some time this week to consider the following:

- 1. In the past, what did you think would bring happiness in life?
- 2. How are the 10 Commandments (Ex 20) similar to the Beatitudes (Matt 5)? How are they different? What is the purpose of each in the life of the believer?
- 3. How are the Beatitudes inter-connected, inter-related and inter-dependent and why is each important to the others?
- 4. Of these Kingdom characteristics, which do you most currently evidence in your life? Which do you find most convicting? Which would you most like to further develop?
- 5. If you are a reflection of Christ's light, would you describe yourself as a 1) Nightlight, 2) 100 watt bulb or a 3) Floodlight? What needs to happen for you to shine brighter for His glory?
- 6. Take time to pray through Matthew 5:1-16. Examine each these Kingdom-evidencing characteristics and ask the Holy Spirit to make them an ever-increasing reality in your life!