

B L E S S E D ?

**a series of mini-messages
on the beatitudes...**

Matthew 5:3-10

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**Jesus offers a counter-cultural
commentary on whom God
bestows His blessings.**

BLESSED?

Poor

Humble

Merciful

Peacemaker

Mourn

Hunger & Thirst

Pure Hearts

Persecuted

Matthew 5:3

Jesus tells us WHO is blessed

*God blesses those who are poor and
realize their need for him...*

He tells us HOW they're blessed

...for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

Spiritual Poverty

...recognizing YOU don't bring anything to the spiritual table that offers fulfillment; solely dependent upon God to meet your need.

Poor in Spirit vs Full of Self

Romans 3:21-22

Those who are poor and realize their need for God turn their primary attention away from the world and toward God and His Kingdom.

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All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ.

- Ephesians 1:3

“the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs”

Forgiveness of Sin

I will never again remember their sins | Heb 8:12

Fellowship w/ Believers

They devoted themselves to fellowship | Acts 2:42

Forever Gift of Life

Those who believe in God have eternal life | Jn 5:24

When you steward a life of utter dependence upon God, your reward (both in this life and the life to come) is citizenry in His Kingdom...

You don't wake up one day and decide you're going to be poor in spirit, you mature into it.

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