

## **The Merciful and Pure in Heart**

### **The Beatitudes**

***“And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:***

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

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

***Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.***

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

***Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.***

***Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.***

***Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.***

***Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.***

***Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”*** Matthew 5:1-12

### **The Merciful**

***“Blessed are the merciful (compassionate), for they shall obtain mercy (vs. 7)***

1. Mercy is grace in action.
  - a. The merciful put mercy into action.
  - b. Mercy is of no value until you decide to use it.
  - c. Being merciful is a choice.
2. We received mercy from God and then give it to others.

***“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God”*** (2 Corinthians 1:3-4).
3. When we treat others in mercy, we receive mercy from others.

*“A man who has friends must himself be friendly”* (Proverbs 18:24).

4. Those called to an office of mercy there is ministry.

*“Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us... he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness”* (Romans 12:6, 8).

5. Sowing and reaping are foundational in the word of God.
  - a. Crops
  - b. Finances
  - c. Love
  - d. Friends
  - e. Mercy

### **The Pure in Heart**

*“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.”* (vs. 8)

1. Keeping a pure heart is why we walk in holiness, righteousness.  
We already have a pure spirit. A pure heart is a soul remaining free of sin.
2. Purity of heart is not just the new birth but maintaining fellowship with God and purity in our daily walk (1 John 1:7-9).
3. A pure heart is:
  - a. Walking in the light – our knowledge of the word.
  - b. Remaining in fellowship – clean by Jesus’ blood.
  - c. Staying free from sin by confessing them to God.
4. Confession of our daily sins is the means of maintaining a pure heart (1 John 1:9).
5. The same blood that saved us also cleanses us from sin as a Christian.
6. Purity of heart is necessary for a walk of holiness with God.
7. Only the pure in heart will truly understand or perceive God (Hebrews 12:14).