

“COMPLETE DEPENDENCE UPON GOD”

Series: “THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS”, Part 1 of 8

Sunday, September 11, 2022 at 9:00 & 11:00 AM

Text: Matthew 5:1-3

Big Idea: The first step in enjoying an abundant life of happiness is the stark realization that I cannot live the Christian life on my own steam.

Matthew 5:1-12, “Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. 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 blessed life is a profoundly satisfying life of flourishing, regardless of our external circumstances.”

poor in spirit

Mourning

Meek

hungry for righteousness

Merciful

pure in heart

Peacemaker

Persecuted

lots of money

high self-esteem

endless entertainment

Self-reliance

fashionable clothes

Popularity

Power

carefree life

Matthew 5:3, “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

Isaiah 66:2b, “This is the one I esteem: he who is humble and contrite in spirit, and trembles at my word.”

Romans 5:11, “Now we rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God – all because of what our Lord Jesus Christ has done in dying for our sins – making us friends of God.”
{The Living Bible}

John 15:5b, “Apart from me you can do nothing.”