

“AN APPETITE FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS”

Series: “THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS”, Part 4 of 8

Sunday, October 2, 2022 at 9:00 & 11:00 AM

Text: Matthew 5:6

Big Idea: When our soul is getting healthy, we begin to hunger more for Righteousness.

Matthew 5:6, “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.”

“The blessed life is a profoundly satisfying life of flourishing, regardless of our external circumstances.”

Romans 3:10b, “There is no one righteous, not even one.”

Isaiah 64:6b, “All our righteous acts are like filthy rags.”

Romans 1:16-17a, “I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last.”

1 John 3:10, “This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God; nor is anyone who does not love his brother.”

John 13:35, “By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

1 Peter 2:24a, “And He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.” {NASV}

1. You are to hunger and thirst for righteousness, but you already have it.

John 6:35b, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.”

1 Corinthians 1:30a, c, "It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become ... our righteousness."

2. The more you are filled with righteousness, the more you will hunger and thirst for righteousness.

Psalm 36:9, "For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light."

3. The way to demonstrate and act on your hunger and thirst is to practice the private and corporate spiritual disciplines.

Psalm 42:1-2, "As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?"

Pseudo-righteousness is when you do righteous acts but for the wrong reasons.