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Law/Gospel

In this world I suffer and struggle because of my sin.

Jesus offers comfort, mercy, and grace through faith in Him and gives me eternal riches and blessings.

Bible Words

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Romans 10:17

Just Joking

What's the best vitamin for a Christian?

Vitamin B1

Jesus Preaches on the Mount

Matthew 5:1–12

Large crowds followed Jesus during His public ministry. Many people brought sick friends and relatives, seeking the healing they heard He provided. Others came out of curiosity. Still others, including many religious teachers, came to see if Jesus was the Messiah.

Scripture often reports that Jesus tried to leave the crowds to pray or spend time with His disciples. In one instance, Jesus went up a mountain and sat down to teach. The Twelve, those He chose as His students, went to Him. There, Jesus taught the Sermon on the Mount to His disciples.

The Beatitudes are the first part of these teachings. These nine “blessed” statements use a Greek word for “blessed” that means more than “happy.” It means “saved” and “redeemed.”

Jesus redeemed us by paying the price for our sin with His death on the cross. He conquered death when He rose from the dead. In these redemptive acts, Jesus offers forgiveness of sin and new life with Him.

Spoken to those who are believers, Jesus’ “blessed” statements offer the kingdom of heaven to humble, poor in spirit people who mourn over their sin, and hunger and thirst for righteousness. His redeemed people receive comfort, satisfaction, mercy, and adoption as children of God.

Read the Beatitudes with the eyes of a believer, knowing Christ is talking to you.

Jesus’ Authority as God’s Son

Although Jesus taught His disciples on the mountain, the crowds apparently drew close and listened in. After He finished teaching, the crowd was astonished because He taught with authority, unlike their Scribes (Matthew 7:28).

This authority came from God the Father. Jesus said, “I have not spoken on My own authority, but the Father who sent Me has Himself given Me a commandment—what to say and what to speak. And I know that His commandment is eternal life. What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has told Me” (John 12:49–50).

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