



# Living In the Kingdom, Part 1

**Matthew 5:3-4; 1 Corinthians 13:6;  
2 Corinthians 7:8-10**

# Sermon on the Mount

- Jesus taught His disciples how to live in the kingdom of God while simultaneously living here on earth.
- Christians belong to the kingdom of God, but also live naturally in this earthly kingdom.
- Non-believers spiritually belong to Satan, but they too live naturally in this earthly kingdom.
- The Sermon on the Mount focused on teaching us how to live in God's kingdom while we are here on earth.
- Jesus taught us how to discern what to access and what not to access in the world by focusing on living in God's kingdom.

# Blessed Are The Poor In Spirit

- *“Poor in spirit”* referred to those who are humbled by the understanding of the Gospel and what Jesus did.
- It is not financial poverty but a poverty of spirit that entitles us to the blessing.
- A spiritually poor person is different from a person who is poor in spirit.
- Jesus is saying *“blessed are they whom the gospel makes poor.”*
- Jesus did not say that theirs *“will be”* the kingdom of heaven, He said theirs *“is”* the kingdom of heaven.
- When we approach life with a humble spirit, fully relying on the King, we make ourselves available to His direction.

# Blessed Are They That Mourn

- *“They that mourn”* speaks of mourning over sin and the comfort that comes through forgiveness and salvation.
- The word *“mourn”* used in this verse focuses on how we should mourn for the sorrows and sins of others.
- When we know someone is living in sin, we should be troubled enough to mourn for them, and through that mourning, reach out to God on their behalf.
- A disciple of Jesus is focused on the eternity of those with whom they come into contact.
- As a Christian living in the kingdom of God here on earth, we must care enough about the lives of others to be troubled when their lives are out of control.

# Conclusion

- Paul's first letter to the Corinthians was tailored to produce pain and sorrow, as severe and just reprimand should.
- Paul rejoiced in the pain he had inflicted, because the pain was transitory, while the good was permanent.
- Paul mourned for them based on what he was told and having mourned, he took action.
- Not every Christian is fully living in the kingdom of God here on earth and that is a shame!