

The Greatest Sermon Ever Preached Pt. 2

- Relationship with God...
- What it means to be a Christian...
- Our need for God.

- Relationship with others,
- How a Christian ought to conduct himself,
- Personal responsibility.

Matt 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: **3** "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **4** Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. **5** Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. **6** Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. **7** Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. **8** Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. **9** Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God. **10** Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **11** "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. **12** Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. NIV

5. Blessed Are The Merciful, For They Will Be Shown Mercy.

Luke 10:25-37

6. Blessed Are The Pure In Heart, For They Will See God.

Matt 15:18-20 - But the things that come out of the mouth come from the heart, and these make a man 'unclean.' **19** For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. **20** These are what make a man 'unclean'; but eating with unwashed hands does not make him 'unclean.'" NIV

7. Blessed Are The Peacemakers, For They Will Be Called Sons Of God.

THREE REALMS OF PEACE

1. In The Home.
2. In The Community.
3. In Society At Large.

8. Blessed Are You When People Insult You, Persecute You And Falsely Say All Kinds Of Evil Against You Because Of Me.

1 Peter 4:12-19 - *Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. 13 But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. 14 If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. 15 If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler. 16 However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name. 17 For it is time for judgment to begin with the family of God; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God? 18 And, "If it is hard for the righteous to be saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?" 19 So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.* NIV

- Not everyone is going to go to heaven; not everyone who says they are a Christian is a Christian.
- Being a born-again believer is not just a title that you wear.
- Being a Christian involves a set criteria and guidelines.
- It involves a solid, deep relationship with Christ and a character and actions as described in the beatitudes.