

An Introduction to the Beatitudes

Matthew 5:3-12

- I. The Beatitudes describe all true Christians.
 - A. Every true Christian displays these qualities (3, 10).
 - B. Every true Christian displays all these qualities (Lk. 6:20).
 - C. Every true Christian must grow in these qualities.
- II. The opposites of the Beatitudes describe every unbeliever (Lk. 6:24-26).

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- III. The qualities in the Beatitudes are produced in us by grace alone.
 - A. They're not natural.
 - B. They're not merited or achieved.
 - C. They're produced in us at the new birth through the work of the Holy Spirit.
- IV. Jesus is the only one who perfectly lived out the Beatitudes.
 - A. He has never committed sin (2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 1:9; 7:26).
 - B. He has never had a sin nature (1 Jn. 3:5).
 - C. He is positively righteous, including with these qualities (1 Jn. 2:1; 3:3, 7).