



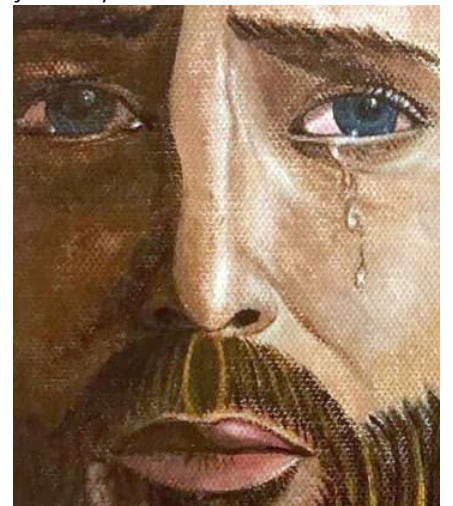
- In order to make a difference in this world, it's tempting to think we need to be anything but humble. But Jesus heart of humility (Phil 2:5-8) is what lead to the salvation of many.
- If you are in Christ, God is filling you with Jesus' heart so that Jesus' heart will be on full display on earth as it is in heaven, through us.

## Matthew 5:1-3 – Review

- Jesus is going up on a “mountain” to identify as a greater Moses/ Lawgiver. His teachings are for His people to live as on-earth-as-it-is-in-heaven people.
- “Beatitude” is Latin for Blessing (endorsement, approval, and favor). Poor (Lk 6:20) or poor in spirit refers to having a general humility about your status in society and in your faith journey.

## Matthew 5:4 – Blessed are those who mourn

- God certainly comforts all of His people who mourn (Ps 34:18).
- Isaiah 60-61 (the backdrop for Matthew 5) is about those who mourn for being oppressed, sin, and Israel being in shambles.
- Blessed are those who mourn for the same things that God mourns for. Those who laugh (Lk 6:25b) do not have a heart like Jesus.



## Matthew 5:5 – Blessed are the meek

- The word “meek” could be better thought of as gentle or humble (Matthew 11:29; 21:5).
- The heart of Jesus is described in Isaiah 42:1-4 (Matt 15:18-21).
  - He will bring justice to the nations. But He will not cry aloud or lift up His voice – He is not like the conquerors who force their religion and culture onto those whom they have conquered.
  - He will not break a bruised reed or quench a burning wick – the bruised are probably the poor and oppressed. The burning wick is probably their hope of a better life.
- Those who are meek/gentle will inherit the earth as opposed to the wicked/ conquerors (Ps 37:8-11).

## Matthew 5:6 Blessed are those who hunger & thirst for righteousness

- Hunger and thirst show a deep desire from the heart for something (Ps 42:1; Is 55:1-2; Rev 22:17).
- This is the righteous (or justice, uprightness, or integrity) of God that only He, Himself, can provide.
  - Are you hungry and thirsty for God’s righteousness that only He could provide?
  - Are we hungry and thirsty for God’s righteousness in our society that only He could provide? Don’t disassociate that from the first three beatitudes.

## Grow in being on-earth-as-it-is-in-heaven people

- You cannot be on-earth-as-it-is-in-heaven-people without the heart of Jesus.
  - Do you mourn over the same things God mourns over?
  - Do you have a heart for the lowly?
  - Do you hunger and thirst for righteousness?
- In communion we *remember* Jesus’ death for us in our place.
  - This is the full display of Jesus’ heart of humility.
  - Are you *in* with making Jesus’ heart here on earth as it is in heaven?

