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Read Matthew 5: 1-12

The Abundant – Blessed Life

The resurrection seals the deal. It makes the promise of an abundant life (John 10:10) possible. The blessed life our scripture describes can only happen because of the resurrection of Jesus.

In Matthew 5: 1-12 Jesus gives us the foundation upon which the abundant – blessed life is built. Let's look at the building block of the foundation.

Blessed are the poor in spirit – these who are humble, who see themselves as they really are, are not self-satisfied, who recognize their powerlessness to live the abundant blessed life without Jesus.

Blessed are those who mourn – those who genuinely feel sorry for their sins and the sins of others.

Blessed are the meek – the gentle self-restraint, those who cared, but choose not to respond to others negatively.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness – men and women who have a desperate longing for the abundant – blessed life, who really do want to do what's right.

Blessed are the merciful – those who forgive as the Lord does, who “respond to human need in an unexpected and unmerited way.”

Blessed are the pure in heart – those who are genuine, authentic, who desire the Lord and refuse to let evil rule their hearts.

Blessed are those who are persecuted. Blessed are you when people insult you, say all manner of evil against you for my sake – those who face adversity, conflict and tribulations because of their faithful living the spirit – filled life.

When you evaluate your life against these building blocks, how do you stack up? Lent is a time to reflect on this!

The resurrection is the reason for the abundant – blessed life. Think on these things!

Prayer: May you build your faith on each of these building blocks, so you may live a more abundant life in Christ.

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