



Scriptures

- **John 17:3**
³This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.
- **Matthew 5:3-5**
³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. ⁵"Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth.
- **John 8:36**
³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.
- **Romans 7:21, 24-25**
²¹I find then the principle that evil is present in me, the one who wants to do good.
²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, on the one hand I myself with my mind am serving the law of God, but on the other, with my flesh the law of sin.
- **Matthew 5:48**
⁴⁸Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.
- **1 John 3:2**
²Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is.
- **Philippians 2:13**
¹³for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for *His* good pleasure.
- **Philippians 1:6**
⁶*For I am* confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.
- **1 Corinthians 2:14**
¹⁴But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.
- **2 Corinthians 7:10**
¹⁰For the sorrow that is according to *the will of God* produces a repentance without regret, *leading* to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death.



Main Points

- The Beatitudes are God's divine design for walking in true Holiness.
- Eternity is not just about living forever, but it is a quality as well.
 - See John 17:3 for elaboration.
- When studying the beatitudes, we need to be looking for heartfelt revelation.
- "Spiritual Mourning"
 - Not the type of mourning we experience when we lose someone we love.
 - Rather, it is mourning over sin at the distance between what God has promised is His word that which we are possessing experientially or walking in.
- When we mourn for sin, Jesus washes, forgives, and heals us; also imparting His wholeness to us, so that in our weakness, His strength and glory are imparted to us, eventually making us perfect.
- There is a difference between being perfect and being on a journey into perfection.
 - Since we are on a journey into perfection, we don't settle when we fall short, but press on to the bar that is set for us.
- Conviction of sin is a gift of the Holy Spirit.

Discussion Questions

1. What does it mean to walk in the 8 Beatitudes?
2. What standard has God called us to? Is it attainable?
3. Discuss what happens when we mourn for our sin in regards to the transformational power of Jesus washing us.
4. What is the difference between being perfect and being on a journey into perfection?