



Scriptures

- **Isaiah 66:2**
²"For My hand made all these things, Thus all these things came into being," declares the Lord.
"But to this one I will look, To him who is humble and contrite of spirit, and who trembles at My word.
- **John 15:7-8**
⁷If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and *so* prove to be My disciples.
- **John 17:17**
¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.
- **Matthew 5:2-3**
²He opened His mouth and began to teach them, saying, ³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- **Matthew 7:28-29**
²⁸When Jesus had finished these words, the crowds were amazed at His teaching; ²⁹for He was teaching them as *one* having authority, and not as their scribes.
- **Matthew 7:21**
²¹"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven *will enter*.
- **Mark 4:11**
¹¹"And He was saying to them, "To you has been given the mystery of the kingdom of God, but those who are outside get everything in parables..."
- **John 8:28**
²⁸So Jesus said, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am *He*, and I do nothing on My own initiative, but I speak these things as the Father taught Me.
- **Ephesians 2:5**
⁵even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),'

Other Scriptures

- **Matthew 7:24**
- **James 2:18**
- **John 5:19**
- **John 5:26**
- **Genesis 2:17**



Other Scriptures (con't.)

- Genesis 3:5
- Genesis 3:22

Main Points

- If we make the Beatitudes the focus of our lives, we will enter a state of “divine blessedness”
- The Beatitudes are a way of life
- True reality is not found in things, but inside of us
- The way to be filled is to become empty
 - We need to recognize that without God, we have no life
 - We need to purge (empty) ourselves of the worldly things that are filling the space that Jesus belongs in
- When we make practicing truth the goal in our lives, then happiness follows as a bi-product of serving God

Discussion Questions

1. Discuss what it means to “be filled is to become empty.”
2. Describe a time when you were serving God and didn’t feel anything at the time, but were made happy as a result of your service to Him.
3. Why is it so important to take into consideration the authority with which Jesus spoke?
4. Read Mark 4:11. Why is Jesus speaking in parables to the people?