

## **Seeing Christ's Redemptive Work for Now Sunday, August 29, 2021**

- VI. Remember, this New Kingdom, this new Way of Life is completely founded upon The Authority of Jesus Christ!
  - A. The Sermon on the Mount is a type of Christian Manifesto!
    - 1. Manifest: a written statement declaring publicly the intentions, motives, or views of its issuer.
    - 2. Or in other words, Jesus is saying “this is how life is to be lived in My Kingdom!”
    - 3. Jesus is inaugurating a New Kingdom!
    - 4. Remember Jesus saying, “The law says you shall not murder, but I say you shall not have hatred in your hearts!”
    - 5. “The law says to not commit adultery, but I say don’t lust in your heart!”
  - B. We usually are quick to talk about how impossible it was keep the Law under the Old Covenant!
    - 1. Jesus upped the standard to an even higher level under the New Covenant!
    - 2. He says it's about the heart of man or it is about total transformation!
    - 3. And yes, it is IMPOSSIBLE to live without the The Holy Spirit and His ever-available grace!

4. Instead of this new kingdom being founded through twelve tribes, Jesus founds His new kingdom through twelve apostles!
5. Instead of the “founding document” and standards being the Ten (10) Commandments, this new covenant is founded upon two (2): Loving God with all of your life and others like you love yourself!
6. Remember, this is all based upon His authority; therefore, it isn't up for debate!

VII. Let's look at some of the general themes of the Sermon on The Mount that we mentioned before: starting with The Righteousness of The Kingdom.

- A. There is a new standard of life in God's new kingdom! Its basis is THE EXPRESSED LIFE AND STANDARD OF GOD AND LIVING IT HIS WAY! Not mine!

Matthew 5:6 (TPT)

6 “How enriched you are when you crave righteousness! For you will be surrounded with fruitfulness.

5:10 (TPT)

10 “How enriched you are when you bear the wounds of being persecuted for doing what is right! For that is when you experience the realm of heaven's kingdom.

6:1 (NIV)

1 Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.

Matthew 6:33 (NLT)

33 Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.

1. It is very interesting to observe “word meanings!”
2. In the list of The Beatitudes we see at the beginning of each one, “Blessed are...”
3. We have heard it put many times as “Happy are...”
4. With closer study we see that the meaning carries an implication of the presence of “divine nature” “divine attributes.”
5. In other words Jesus was saying, “This is what what someone looks like when God is living through them!”

B. This is the literal backbone of the teachings of Christ!  
After that He says things like:

Matthew 5:13-16 (TPT)

13 “Your lives are like salt among the people. But if you, like salt, become bland, how can your ‘saltiness’ be restored? Flavorless salt is good for nothing and will be thrown out and trampled on by others.

14 “Your lives light up the world. For how can you hide a city that stands on a hilltop? 15 And who would light a lamp and then hide it in an obscure place? Instead, it’s placed where everyone in the house can benefit from its light. 16 So don’t hide your light! Let it shine brightly before others, so that your commendable works will shine as light upon them, and then they will give their praise to your Father in heaven.”

C. We see this principle of life all throughout scripture!

2 Peter 1:3-4 (NLT)

3 By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence. 4 And because of his glory and excellence, he has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share his divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires.

VIII. Another general theme yet a very strong theme is...  
Blessed are those who get relationships right!

A. Or, according to the deeper meaning of the word for "blessed"; having relationships that look godly!

Matthew 5:9 (NLT)

9 God blesses those who work for peace for they will be called the children of God.

Matthew 5:23-24 (NLT)

23 "So if you are presenting a sacrifice at the altar in the Temple and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you, 24 leave your sacrifice there at the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God.

Matthew 5:39 (NLT)

39 But I say, do not resist an evil person! If someone slaps you on the right cheek, offer the other cheek also. (Don't retaliate)

Matthew 5:44 (NLT)

44 But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you!

Matthew 6:14 (NLT)

14 "If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you.

Matthew 7:1-5 (NLT)

1 “Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. 2 For you will be treated as you treat others. The standard you use in judging is the standard by which you will be judged. 3 “And why worry about a speck in your friend’s eye when you have a log in your own? 4 How can you think of saying to your friend, ‘Let me help you get rid of that speck in your eye,’ when you can’t see past the log in your own eye? 5 Hypocrite! First get rid of the log in your own eye; then you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend’s eye.

- B. It’s time that the Church of Jesus Christ accept and understand how completely COUNTER the Kingdom of God is from the Kingdoms of this world!