

**HOW CAN WE KNOW IF WE ARE SAVED?
LESSONS FROM TEACHING ON THE MOUNT
Matthew 5:1-4**

I. AN OVERVIEW AND INTRO TO THE BEATITUDES (1-2)

- A. The context: Jesus begins to teach (1-2)

- B. Overview of the teaching: Kingdom righteousness presented by the King, which confronts phony righteousness (which is really lawlessness) (ch 5-7)

- C. Preliminary questions: Who is this teaching for and applicable to?

II. THE SAVED (BLESSED) RECOGNIZE THEIR TRUE STATE: Spiritual poor and sinful.

- A. Preliminary question: What does "Blessed" mean? (3a)

- B. The blessed are those who habitually recognize they are spiritually destitute and bankrupt and thus are (pres tense) of the kingdom of heaven (3)

- C. the blessed are those who habitually mourn over their own sin and others sin and thus will be comforted (future tense) (4)

NEXT WEEK (Lord willing)

III. YOU MUST HAVE A NEW DISPOSITION: One which reflects a true relationship with Christ (5-9)

- A. Manifesting His Gentleness (5)
- B. Deeply Desiring His Righteousness manifest in your own behavior (6)
- C. Exhibiting His Mercy (7)
- D. Walking in the context of a cleansed heart, by Him (8)
- E. Proclaiming His excellencies: The gospel of peace (9)

IV. YOUR NEW DISPOSITION WILL RESULT IN PERSECUTION (10)