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Sermon Notes

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May 9, 2010 morning service
Pastor Mike Ross
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“Persecuted for Righteousness”
Matthew 5:10

CONCLUSION: In our life and times, Americans have fallen to low levels of living and loving...

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you!”

Christ is calling us to *Something larger than life, greater than ourselves, and lasting forever...*

The Kingdom of God.

Matthew 5:3-12

INTRODUCTION: Pastor Ross remembers a novel when he was in high school that impacted him profoundly...

1. Jesus notices these sorts of noble souls in the great crowd watching Him preach. He speaks directly to them. *"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."*

2, Christ's point is this:

3. Remember, these Beatitudes are:

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4, The key truth about salvation:

I. THOSE WHO ARE PERSECUTED FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS' SAKE

II. THOSE WHO RECEIVE GOD'S KINGDOM

1. Now that noble soul, who suffers for doing right, has joined the winning side!

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