

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

THE LIFE OF JESUS

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PART 3: THE EIGHT BEATITUDES

THE CREATOR

Jesus is the Creator and the God of the Old Testament.¹ **1 Corinthians 8:6; Colossians 1:13-18; Hebrews 1:1-3**

- ❖ It was Jesus that created Adam and Eve. **Genesis 2:7; 20-23**
- ❖ It was Jesus that walked with Enoch. **Genesis 5:21-24; Hebrews 11:5**
- ❖ It was Jesus that talked to Abraham. **John 8:56**

THE LAWGIVER

It was Jesus that spoke to Moses at the burning bush. **Exodus 3:1-6; 11-14**

The laws given to Moses and Israel were the foundation for the second covenant and the foundation of the Church which was to encompass Jew and Gentile alike. **Ephesians 1:19-23; Colossians 1:17-21**

SETTING UP DOCTRINE

Jesus was in the form of His full glory and power as God the Son when He came to the earth to create mankind and later impart God's laws. But when he came to redeem mankind from sin, He limited Himself and was incarnated into a human body. It was Jesus as the God/man who had to work with frail human beings in a hostile environment and finalized the laws for the human race that would be the foundational doctrine for the future church.

Jesus wanted to make sure that the Israelites and Gentiles understood He had not come to abolish the laws given to Adam, Noah and Moses. The Son of God had come to fulfill the sacrificial laws, but the Moral and Practical aspects of the Law would continue until the end. **Matthew 5:17-19**

SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Jesus' famous sermon on the mountain took place in the province of Galilee, most likely during the first year of His ministry. Jesus spent some 3 years in Galilee, with short trips to Jerusalem to attend the Passover at the temple. Jesus only spent about 6 months in Judea.

It is estimated that Jesus had around 30,000 followers in Galilee. Most of them would leave Jesus and reject His teaching once He stated He was God and spoke of eating His flesh and drinking His blood. **John 6:59-66**

¹ Please see "*The God of the Old Testament*," if this concept is new and you would like to study it further. www.eaec.org/bookstore/books/god-old-testament-book.htm



There are eight points in fifth chapter of Matthew known as “The Beatitudes,” which means blessedness, grace, bliss, etc. Let’s examine this teaching of Jesus:

1. *Blessed are the poor in spirit...*

Jesus was referring to the Jewish religious leadership because they had a lot of knowledge of the Old Testament but they had perverted it and turned it into a manmade religion. **Matthew 5:1-3**

2. *Blessed are they that mourn...*

The Jewish leadership did not feel they needed to mourn and repent of their sins. **verse 4**

3. *Blessed are the meek...*

Being humble and void of pride will bring God's blessing. **verse 5; 18:1-4**

4. *Blessed are they which do hunger...*

Jesus repeated the teaching He had given to the prophet Isaiah some 700 years earlier. **Matthew 5:6; Isaiah 55:1-3**

5. *Blessed are the merciful...*

Mercy is associated with forgiveness and Jesus made it clear that forgiveness in His kingdom is not an option but a command. **Matthew 5:7; 6:14-15; Mark 11:25-26**

6. *Blessed are the pure in heart...*

We must approach God in repentance and faith in order to please the Lord. **Matthew 5:8; 1 John 1:5-10; Hebrews 11:6**

7. *Blessed are the peacemakers...*

James, the half-brother of Jesus, was an elder/apostle and he wrote on this subject. **Matthew 5:9; James 3:13-18**

8. *Blessed are they which are persecuted...*

Persecution is part of the Christian faith and Jesus emphasized that we would experience the same thing they had done to Him. **Matthew 5:11-12; 10:16-28**

SUMMARY

A disciple in the Kingdom of God should be simple-minded, mourning over their sinful nature, meek, hungering for more of God, merciful and forgiving, living a holy life, always trying to bring peace among people, and rejoicing when we are persecuted for being followers of Jesus.

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?