

The Gospel Herald

“As the truth is in Jesus” (Ephesians 4:21)

For The LORD’S PILGRIMS, STRANGERS & SOJOURNERS

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The Christian Attitude

In the gospels of our Lord Jesus Christ, there are what have been titled as the “Beatitudes.” This word is not a scriptural word but has been ascribed to the series of verses our Lord Jesus expressed while on the mount teaching his beloved disciples.

In my research over the years of the scriptures, I have concluded that those series of scripture verses that have been titled as the “beatitudes” by the early Theologians, which merely means “blessed are” or “a state of upmost bliss” are Christ expressions of the “attitudes” of the children of God that shall be manifested in those born of his Spirit. When you read and meditate upon these precious verses of the Holy Writ understanding that these characteristics are those things that shall accompany the work of salvation within one’s heart, it enhances its meaning tremendously.

Look with me if you will (by God’s determined purpose) at the beautiful description of the heir of God’s sovereign and decreed grace.

“And seeing the multitudes, He went up into a mountain; and when he was set, his disciples came unto him: And he opened his mouth and taught them saying, “Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see GOD. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you” (Matt.5:1-12).

These attributes summarize the character of the Child of God:

Poor: They have NOTHING to offer God in their state of depravity

Mourner's: They shall mourn over they sinful state

Hunger & Thirst for righteousness: Have a desire for God's holiness

Merciful: They display an attitude of mercy towards others

Pure in Heart: Desire to walk in goodness and Christ-like integrity

Peacemaker's: They do not desire strife nor revenge

Sufferers for Christ's sake: They shall be persecuted for their faith

Reviled: The world will scoff and scorn those of Christ followers

Falsely accused: The unregenerate, non-Christian society shall lie about those who follow Christ.

After our Lord Jesus concluded his expressions to those who are to be blessed by his sovereign grace and mercy and to be identified as his people by the attributes described, he followed with these statements:

“Ye ARE the SALT (He did not say TRY to be the salt) of the earth: but if the salt has lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the LIGHT(He did not say TRY TO BE THE LIGHT..) of the world. A city that is set upon a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel., but on a candlestick; and it giveth light to all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven” (Matt. 5:13-16).

We which have been blessed with grace to believe upon the God man Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, shall be “SALT” and “LIGHT” in this world of sin and woe. For we are IN the world, but NOT OF THE WORLD. We have been born into God's spiritual kingdom by the operation of divine grace and translated into the kingdom of God's dear SON. We are admonished to “make are calling and election sure” that we may not find ourselves as mere “PROFESSORS” of so great salvation, but “POSSESSORS” of this divine predestined work of God's Almighty grace and loving kindness. Do you think upon oneself as being the “SALT” that would season those around you with Christ-like integrity? Or do you fit in with the worldlings crowd in their sinful folly? Do you think that you emit the “LIGHT” of Christ in your conversation and lifestyle in this earthly walk here below? Beloved of God, our Lord's people shall be hated by the world even as they hated our Lord Jesus.

Our Lord Jesus indicated in the previous verses that TRUE LIGHT shall not be hid but shall give off a LIGHT to all. Does your LIGHT offend the unregenerate mind when the circle of coworkers is listening to an immoral and filthy joke? Do those around you silence their conversation of disrespect toward God when using his name in vain?

The Lord's SALT and LIGHT shall "passively" be savouring and lighting the path before us as Christ our righteousness lives in and through us by the means of his Holy ghost, causing us to be those witnesses he has called us to be. The Church of Jesus Christ is the supernatural organism that is the standard for righteousness and Godliness in this sin cursed world. Our God shall ALWAYS have an effective witness of his POWER and GRACE throughout the ages of time, as His Remnant Church is seen by the onlookers of this worldly realm. For our God alone MAKES SALT and LIGHT which no creature can invent nor design. Yeah, they may counterfeit the true SALT and LIGHT for a season, but, ONLY the Lord's true SHEEP shall persevere in the flock of our God.

Yes, let the "tares" grow as they will among the "WHEAT" our Lord Jesus said, for in that grand and final day shall they be SEPARATED by the judgment decree of the Lamb of God, and the Wheat shall be called forth to our Lord's right hand as his beloved sheep chosen in Christ Jesus before the world began. Then shall the "tares & goats" be manifest for the final time. Oh! Beloved of God, blessed with divine HOPE of eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, examine thyself to see if God's Holy "Attitudes" are evident in our lives, lest we be DECIEVED!

May God have mercy on his chosen, appointed and predestined Church that the brilliance of Christ righteousness would shine through the gloom of this time world and that the POWER of God would be seen and heard throughout the land for JESUS SAKE... Use us dear God our Saviour, to herald from the house tops, "The Lord God omnipotent reigneth."

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