The Beatitudes: Follow the Steps to Righteousness – Matthew 5:3-12 Bellevue Church of Christ – May 18, 2014

"Righteousness" in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:3 – 6:34)

5:3-12	For a fortunate life, follow the "steps" to righteousness .
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- 5:13-16 Let others see this **righteousness** that God may be glorified.
- 5:17-48 Your **righteousness** must exceed the scribes and the Pharisees.
- 6:1-18 Do not parade your **righteousness** to receive glory from others.
- 6:19-34 Seek this **righteousness** before and above material things.

"Blessed" = Fortunate

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		¹¹ " <u>Blessed</u> are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you. Romans 8:12	2-18
	Step 8:	¹⁰ " <u>Blessed</u> are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.	
5	Step 7:	⁹ " <u>Blessed</u> are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. <i>Romans</i> 12:1	18-21
Ste	ep 6:	⁸ " <u>Blessed</u> are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. <i>Psalm</i> 2	24:1-6
Step	5:	⁷ " <u>Blessed</u> are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Matt 18:21-35; Luke 1 Luke 23:34; Acts	
Step 4	l:	⁶ " <u>Blessed</u> are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. <i>Psal.</i>	m 63:1-11
Step 3:		⁵ " <u>Blessed</u> are the meek , for they shall inherit the earth. $meek = \pi \rho \alpha$ James	-
Step 2:		⁴ " <u>Blessed</u> are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.	Psalm 51:1-4
Step 1:			9-14; Rom 1-3; 7 3:17-19

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