

Sermon Series: Just a Closer Walk With Thee
Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness
Matthew 5:6



Just a Closer Walk with Thee – Where are You in Your Climb?

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.



Abundant Life in Jesus

- **John 10:9-10** - I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that **they may have life and have it abundantly.**

Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness

- **Matthew 5:6** - Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

3 Places People Go to Seek Righteousness

1. Politics/Violence
2. Religion – World Religion/Denominations – Traditions of Men
3. Bible – God's Righteousness

Politics and Violence

- **James 1:20** - for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.
- **Galatians 6:8** - For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.

Warnings Against Violence

- **Proverbs 3:31** - Do not envy a man of violence and do not choose any of his ways
- **Romans 12:20-21** - To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Religion – World Religion/Denominations – Traditions of Men

- **John 14:6** - Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.
- **2 Timothy 4:3-4** - For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions,⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.

What happens when Christ isn't the foundation?

Constantine, Boniface III		Catholic
Martin Luther		Lutheran
King Henry VII		Anglican
John Knox		Presbyterian
John Smyth		Baptist
John Wesley		Methodist
Joseph Smith		Mormon
Ellen G. White		7 th Day Adventist
Charles T. Russell		Jehovah's Witness
Mary Baker Eddy		Christian Science
Charles Fox Parham		Pentecostal

Bible – God’s Righteousness

- **Matthew 5:6** - Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
- **Biblical Righteousness** – Keeping God’s Commandments.

His Commandments Are Not Burdensome

- **1 John 5:3-5** - For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴ For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵ Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?