

College of the Scriptures

Greater Christ Temple APOSTOLIC CHURCH

2940 S. Anthony Blvd. Fort Wayne, IN 46806 Wednesday Evening Bible Study 6:00 PM

"Blessed"

Part 03

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Blessed Are The Meek

Matthew 5:5

- 4 Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
- Blessed: (Gk. "makarios") = Favored, fortunate, happy, supremely joyful, gifted (having received a gift)
- To be meek is to have power (ability) under control.
 - It is not wise to do whatever you want to just because you have the ability:

Proverbs 14:12

12 There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.

 One who would live a godly life and desires to see the favor of the LORD must be familiar with self-control.

Galatians 5:22-23

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **23** gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

Christ said it this way:

Luke 9:23

23 And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

• The greatest enemy to your spiritual prosperity (advancement) is your flesh. Your flesh-man is greedy, self-centered, self-important, self-gratifying, self-seeking, self-minded, and selfish. This is all because your flesh-man's name is "Self". If you are to ever become a Christ-centered person, you must be determined to gain control of "Self" by crucifying him on a daily basis:

Galatians 2:20 (Clarifications mine)

20 I (Paul's "Self") have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I ("Self') who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh (meaning in this body) I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Galatians 5:24

24 And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

<u>Romans 8:13</u>

13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

Meekness is NOT weakness. A weak person cannot take action. A meek person has the ability to take action but chooses not to. Meekness, therefore, is even greater than power, because meekness is power plus control!

• Meekness (self-control) becomes very important when it is considered that Christ, through the baptism of His Spirit, has given us supernatural POWER (ability):

Acts 1:8

- 8 "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you..."
- Power = (Gk. "dunamis"): might, ability, strength, mighty works

1 Corinthians 4:20

20 For the kingdom of God is not in word but in power.

2 Timothy 1:7

7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

This granting of His supernatural power is part of our redemption and restitution to our divine destiny (pre-appointed end). God designed you to have power and authority over everything in the realm of the earth:

Genesis 1:26

26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

God expects you to make use of His supernatural ability for the good of your fellow man:

Mark 16:17-18

¹⁷ And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall ⁷

cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

- ¹⁸ They shall take up serpents*; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.
- A person who has been entrusted with this kind of power must quickly learn to walk in meekness lest he, by following his own will, become a destroyer of the works of God. Let Christ, our most excellent example, show the way:

Isaiah 53:7

7 He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth.

"Blessed are the meek, for (because) they shall inherit the earth."

Daniel 7:27

- 27 Then the kingdom and dominion,
- And the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven,
- Shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High.
- His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
- And all dominions shall serve and obey Him.'





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