

# “Be” Attitudes

## Purity

### Review

- Jesus preached the “Sermon on the Mount” in Matthew 5, 6, & 7 and Luke 6
- He begins this sermon with the eight Beatitudes.
  - A beatitude is “the declaration of blessedness made by our Savior to particular virtues.” – Webster’s 1828
- Each is tied to a state of blessedness – “Blessed are the...”
  - This is more than just being happy or fortunate.
  - It is to be content, fulfilled, and prosperous in a spiritual and not physical sense.
- In these short phrases, Christ illustrates what the attitude of a believer should be.

### Purity

- “Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.” – Matthew 5:8
- *Purity* means “Freedom from guilt or the defilement of sin; innocence; as purity of heart or life.” – Webster’s 1828
- There is a difference between being clean on the outside and clean on the inside
  - Example – you can wash a pig, but he will go back and roll in the mud.
- This is where the Sermon on the Mount cuts to the heart, not just the actions, of a person.
  - It is one thing to act clean, but another to *be* clean.
  - You can clean up a mess, but if you do not change your heart, you will be right back!
- We need a heart checkup because what we do comes from what we are on the inside – Mark 7:21-23
- Holiness, which is perfect purity, is the chief attribute of God – Psalm 99:9
  - He desires us to be holy like Him – I Peter 1:15-1
    - God is working in us to make us more like Christ.
    - God commands us to strive for holiness.
    - We may mess up, but we should keep pressing forward.
- How to stay pure:
  - Fill your heart and mind with the Word of God – Ephesians 5:26
  - Flee from evil things and follow after the good – I Timothy 6:11
  - Don’t give up when you fall – Philippians 1:6