



**Identity, Pt. 5**  
**Rejected**  
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1) The Beatitudes are a vision of the \_\_\_\_\_ of a true disciple of Jesus.

- \_\_\_\_\_ – poor in spirit  
<sup>3</sup> *“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5:3 (ESV)*
- \_\_\_\_\_ – mourning & meek  
<sup>4</sup> *“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.”<sup>5</sup> “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Matthew 5:4-5 (ESV)*
- \_\_\_\_\_ – hunger & thirst & merciful  
<sup>6</sup> *“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.”<sup>7</sup> “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Matthew 5:6-7 (ESV)*
- \_\_\_\_\_ – pure heart & peacemaker  
<sup>8</sup> *“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.”<sup>9</sup> “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Matthew 5:8-9 (ESV)*

Another way to say this:

- I admit I cannot cope with my problems or myself.
- I confess these problems are sin and mourn them in repentance.
- I forsake self to live in and through God’s Power alone.
- I admit I’m dying for unconditional acceptance that only God can give.
- I give the mercy I’ve received but did not deserve from Jesus to others
- I focus my heart on Jesus above everything else.

- I desire others to know the peace that comes with being accepted by Jesus.
- I expect and accept the world’s hostility because I follow Jesus.

2) Except the last one – which is how the world

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<sup>10</sup> *“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5:10 (ESV)*

- The world \_\_\_\_\_ us and \_\_\_\_\_ against us.

<sup>11</sup> *“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.*

<sup>12</sup> *Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you. Matthew 5:11-12 (ESV)*

- Jesus singles out \_\_\_\_\_ as a form of persecution.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is the key in whatever form it takes.

3) A disciple of Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the world’s hostility.

<sup>18</sup> *“If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you.”<sup>19</sup> If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. John 15:18-19 (ESV)*

- No, you can’t be cool enough to **AVOID IT.**

<sup>3</sup> *He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their*

*faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Isaiah 53:3 (ESV)*

- **You shouldn't encourage it or \_\_\_\_\_**

*<sup>22</sup> "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! Luke 6:22 (ESV)*

**4) God will use this hostility as a chance for me to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ what a disciple really is.**

*<sup>40</sup> and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. <sup>41</sup> Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name...Acts 5:40-42 (ESV)*