

#jesusisenough

ENCOUNTER, CONNECTION and RELATIONSHIP



Intro

Matthew 5 describes the characteristics of God's **new** <u>people(you</u> & me) and God's view of true righteousness.

The state of being blessed is in who we are, not what we do As we become, we impact those around us The <u>purpose of the law</u> is not obedience but <u>holiness</u>, to become like Him.

We are the new Israelites who have circumcised hearts

New Israelite Sureties

- 1. by grace you have been saved through faith. . . it is the gift of God, not a result of works
- 2. we have been justified by faith
- 3. God adopted us into his own family
- 4. We have received acceptance through the Beloved
- 5. Our names are in the book of life

What other sureties do we have?



Now that we sons & daughters of a heaven, whom have grabbed hold of these **SURETIES**, what process is God busy with till die?

Sanctification (inspiration and perspiration)

Phil 2:12-13 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with <u>fear and trembling</u>, for it is God who works in you, both <u>to will and to work</u> for his good pleasure.

So why do we need to work out our salvation when works do not save us?

Because though we are saved by grace through the gift of faith, the works we do prove that our faith is real. (Spouse, promise)

Works are evidence of that we are saved

Matthew 6 relates to the Jews' traditional view of what constituted righteousness (i.e. almsgiving, prayer, fasting).

Matt 6:1-4 Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.

So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full.

But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,

so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Most obvious aspect regarding the Israelites(new)

Practice... they practiced doing good... but their intentions...

Can we fake it till we make it... No!

Can we submit the flesh to do that which pleases our father and, in that process, learn about our(wicked) and His(pure) heart

Dan 4:27 Therefore, O king(pagan), let my counsel be acceptable to you: break off (Ex 32:2 - break with the old habits & do what is right) your sins by practicing righteousness, and (break off) your iniquities by showing mercy to the oppressed, that there may perhaps be a lengthening of your prosperity.

Most obvious aspect regarding God

Rewards... even though "He will give us singleness of heart and puts a new spirit within us ... why ... so that we may follow His statutes, keep His ordinances, and <u>practice</u> them. Then they will be My people, and I will be their God - Ez 11:19,20" He does this and he wants to reward us

God rewards faithfulness, not fruitfulness

Believers judged at Judgment Seat of Christ (Rom 14:10-12)
Here we will receive our rewards
Unbelievers judged at the Great White Throne Judgment - Rev
20:11-15

Judgement and Rewards (Judgment Seat of Christ)

- 2 Cor 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ
- 1 Cor 3:8 ... and each one will receive His own reward according to his own labor
- *** Rev 2:23 ... I am He who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works.

1 Cor 3:13-15 each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it, because it is to be revealed with fire; and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work. If any man's work which he has built upon it remains, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he shall suffer loss

Rewards

- 1. Promise of Crowns
- 2. Promise of Heavenly Treasure
- 3. Promise of Accolades or Commendations
- 4. Promises to Overcomers
- 5. Promise of Special Responsibilities and Authority of the Lord's Possessions



In our hand we hold onto 5 sureties
In God's hand are the 5 promises as rewards for us

Matt 6:1 Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.

Be careful

Be careful/Beware means to "think constantly", evaluate why! Evaluate why&how, not if you should do works of righteousness

1 Kings 8:61 And may your hearts be fully committed / completely faithful / wholly true / fully devoted to the LORD our God, to live by his decrees and obey his commands

God looks at the heart (<u>motive</u>) before the hand (<u>action</u>). The very reason he wants his people not to do as the Pharisees

Jer 17:9,10 The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it? "I the Lord search the heart and examine the mind, to reward each person according to their conduct, according to what their deeds deserve."

Practicing your righteousness(fulfill Matt 5)

Jesus reorients the traditional view of righteousness when speaking to the crowd i.e. trusting in one's actions, almsgiving

Is 64:6 says our best works are like filthy rags

Christ is our righteousness. Faith unites us to Christ and all that God is for us in him - 1 Cor 1:30

What are eternal works (spirit + mind + body)

Works that fulfill Rev 2:23 ... I am He who searches the mind and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works.

Works that you were made for **Eph 2:10** We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good deeds, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Matt 5:16 Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

You are the light of the world that shines through the works. It's not the task... it's YOU

Examples from Jesus

Is 58:6 to loose the bonds of <u>injustice</u>, to undo the thongs of the <u>yoke</u>, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

Luk 4:18,19 ... he has anointed me to <u>proclaim good news</u> to the poor. He has sent me to <u>proclaim freedom</u> for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

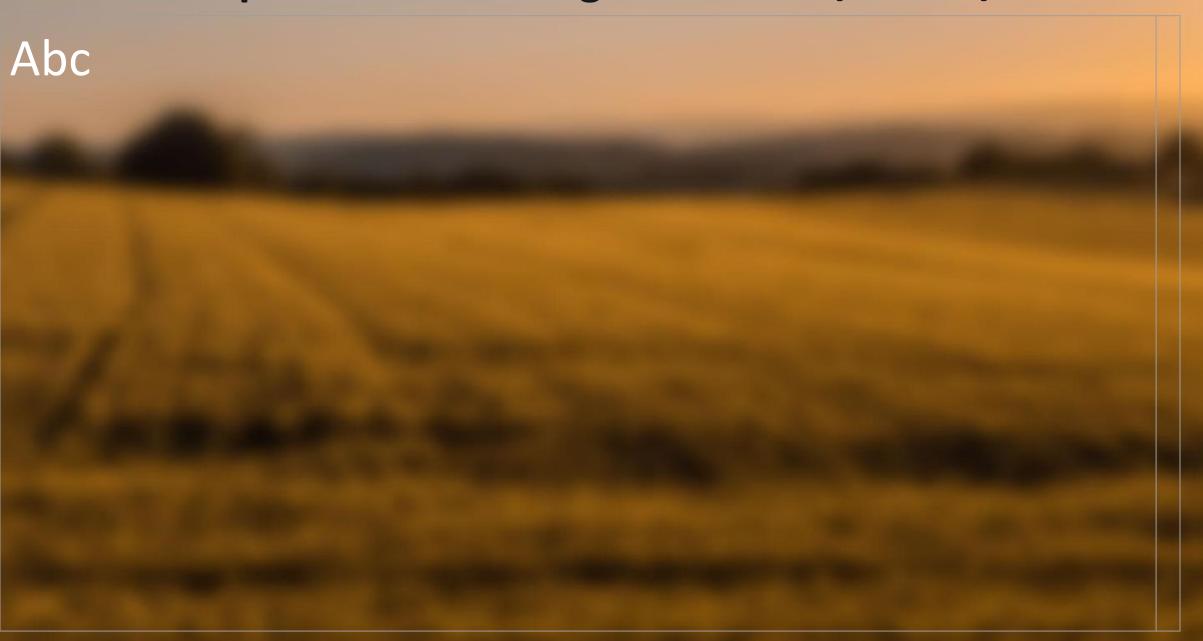
Matt 28:19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations

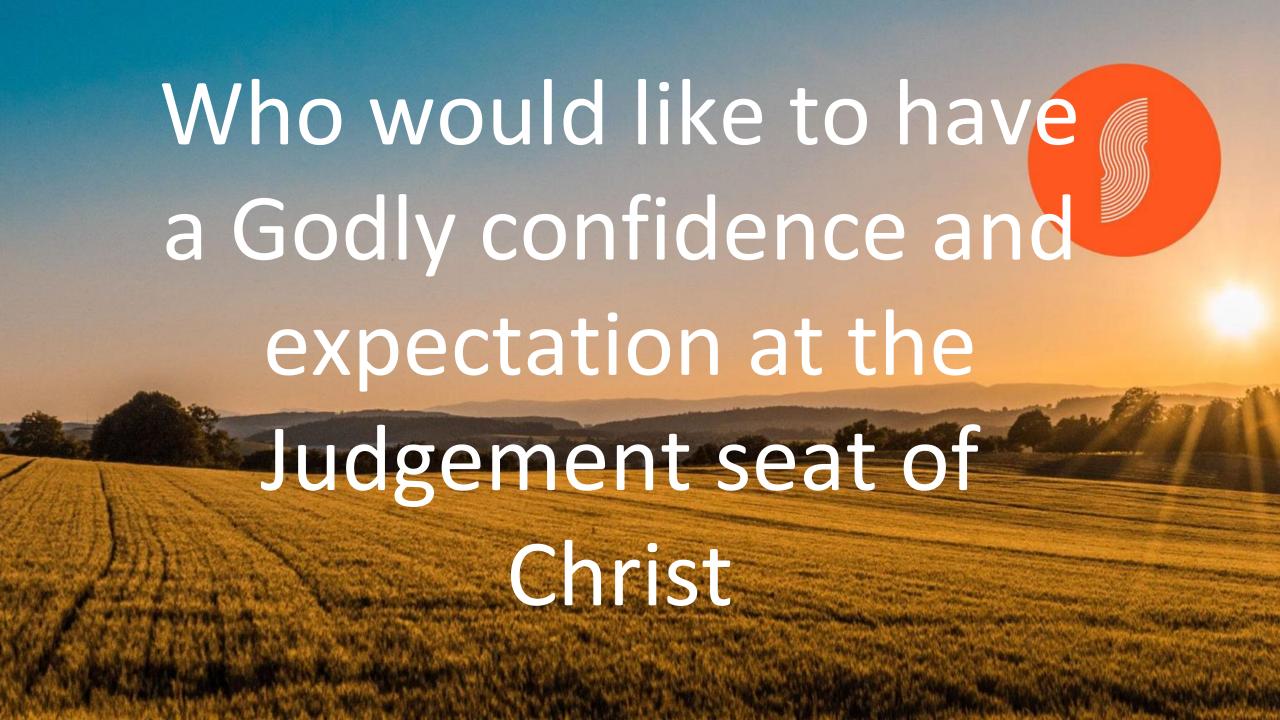
There are general acts(Cor 9:4-27) and then there are specific works only You can do. Let's do both

Examples from our neighbourhood / work / area

- Serve Wife
- Proclaim good news
- Proclaim freedom for prisoners
- Pray for friends in bondage/boss
- Pray for Boldness
- Acts of kindness
- Give clothes to the needy
- Donate food/feed the hungry

More examples from our neighbourhood / work / area









WE WOULD LOVE TO PRAY WITH YOU FOR ANYTHING.
YOU ARE WELCOME TO MEET A MINISTRY FACILITATOR AT THE FRONT
WHO WILL GLADLY PRAY FOR YOU.





