

CONFIRMATION

“The Last Time I Wept...”

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Text: Matthew 5:4

“⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.”

The second Beatitude follows closely on the heels of the first. It needs to. Of all the paths to being blessed (or happy), this one is perhaps the strangest. Why? A. = True blessedness begins with deep sadness.

The Bible talks about a few kinds of sorrow and mourning. There is:

A) A general sorrow of life, a natural, every day type. **Bible .e.g. -**

B) A guilty conscience can also cause great sorrow. This is an _____ type of sorrow. **Bible .e.g. -**

C) Only one kind of sorrow brings life, and that is _____

SORROW

Bible .e.g. - David expresses this depth in Psalm 51. *“Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. ² Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. ³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.”*

“THE BEATITUDES” begin at the top, *err* bottom by referring to our spiritual bankruptcy and knowing it – *poor in spirit*. That is THE I _____ PART.

Here in verse four (v.4 - *blessed are those who mourn*) we move into THE E _____ PART.

As long as Jesus is one of many options, He is no option. As long as you can or insist on carrying your burdens alone, you don't need a burden-bearer.

Mourning is *not* an end in itself. It leads to something so precious, so “priceless.” It brings forth immeasurable joy. Psalm 32:1-2 – *“¹ How blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered! ² How blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit!”* (NASB)

