

Who Are You? BLESSED

Matthew 5:27-32
2 Samuel 12:1-15
Mark 10:1-12

Who?

A Review

- Who is the “you”?
 - vv. 18, 20, 22, 26, 28, 32, 34, 39, 44, 48.
- (v. 1) Disciples!
 - Luke 9:23
 - Luke 14:26-27
 - Luke 14:28
 - Luke 14:33
 - John 10:26-29
- “Blessed are . . .
- NOT a command
- BUT a characteristic of citizens.
- Who you are !!!
- This is what GRACE does or this is what GOD does to us!
- When we are born-again we **become** new creations! (2 Corinthians 5:17)
- God exerts His mighty power on us to change us! (Ephesians 1:17-19)
- (v. 11) “**YOU**” or “**YE**” – PLURAL
 - Romans 12:4-5; 1 Corinthians 12:12, 14-26.
- (v. 13) “**YOU are the salt of the earth!**” – NOT “be the salt of the earth”.
- (v. 14) “**YOU are the light of the world!**” – NOT “be the light of the world.”
- **NOTE to meditate on:**
 - For salt to do its work it must be in contact with what it is to do its work on!
 - For light to do its work it must be in contact with darkness!
- **BOTTOM LINE:** Be who you are!

How to Be Who YOU Are

- (vv. 17-19) By uncompromising when it comes to the Word of God.
- (vv. 20-24) By **not hating your brother and sister**.
- (vv. 25-26) By acknowledging your error, mistake, **sin**.
- (vv. 27-30) By having **pure** thoughts.
- (vv. 31-32) By being **faithful** to your spouse.
- (vv. 33-37) By **keeping** your word.
- (vv. 39-42) By not being **vengeful**.
- (vv. 41-48) By **loving** as your **are** loved. (John 13:34-35)



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“A Passion to Know Him and Make Him Known!”

“I Say to You . . .”

- Christ speaks with absolute authority.
- Either Christ is who says He is or He is to be ignored completely.
- If not ignored, He must be obeyed completely.

Hatred = Murder; Lust = Adultery (vv. 27-30)

- (vv. 21-24; 1 John 3:15) — The Judge (Acts 17:31) declares **hate** equal to the sin of **murder**.
- In these verses, the Judge declares **lust** equal to the sin of **adultery**.

It Is in the Heart! (vv. 28-30)

- God judges the HEART!
 - Look at Isaiah 14:12-15
 - 1 Samuel 16:7
- Definition of heart — “the fountain and seat of thoughts, passions, desires, appetites, purposes, endeavors; the faculty and seat of understanding, intelligence; the will and character”
- We are commanded to “**keep your heart will all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life.**” (Proverbs 4:23)
- **ALL sin begins in the heart.** (Matthew 15:19)
- (vv. 29-30) **Get rid of whatever is causing you to sin.** (Matthew 18:7-9)

“I Do Until Death” means “I Do Until Death” (vv. 31-32)

- Passages that deal with marriage and divorce. (Mark 10:1-12; Romans 7:1ff; 1 Corinthians 7:10-11)
- God is on the record as **hating** divorce. (Malachi 2:16)
 - **Why does God hate divorce?**
 - ★ Divorce makes marriage vows cheap.
 - ★ Divorce hurts children and others.
 - ★ Divorce destroys the picture of Christ and His Bride. (Eph. 5:22-32)
 - ★ Divorce ignores the truth that two have become one and no man can put it separate what God has made one. (Mark 10:9)
 - ★ Divorce hurts society. The family is the foundation of a society and marriage is the foundation of a family.
- A man (or a woman) who commits adultery lack understanding and destroys his/her own soul. (Proverbs 6:32)

To Do List

- Be who we **are!**
- Grow in **faith** in believing what God has made us – not what we feel.
- Rejoice in **forgiveness** and **mercy** for our falling short of God’s glory.
- **BE** what God has made us to the world — SALT and LIGHT.