

Silver Creek Fellowship Notes

4/26/15 #scfupside

UPSIDEDOWN LIFE

Matthew 5:5 - Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

I. Blessed/Happy

A. Webster's – lucky, fortunate, favored by circumstances

B. Happiness – The enjoyment of pleasure without pain

C. Bible happiness is the result of a God process

II. God process

A. Not just a God ending but also middle and beginning

B. Meekness or gentleness is not something we can produce on our own
Galatians 5:22-23

C. The product of God's work in our lives

1. God's Spirit, God's word, God's grace

2. We can think of all God's work and presence in our lives as blessing
Romans 15:29, Galatians 3:13-14

D. We are the blessed of the Lord

1. This is something God has decided

2. This is something God has declared

3. It is the reality as surely as creation coming into being

4. Something of God has come into our lives

5. This blessing enables us to produce the attributes of the Beatitudes

II. Meek/Gentle

- A. Webster's – Tamely submissive, easily imposed upon, spineless, spiritless
- B. Yielded to the will of God - Matthew 26:42
- C. Power under control - Matt 26:52-53
 - 1. It's the refusal to use power in order to harm
 - 2. It's unwilling to cut and slash at people, wounding them for vengeance, spite or control.
- D. Making a way for others - . Matthew 11:28-30
 - 1. Jesus refers to Himself as gentle or meek
 - 2. This enables to come to Him when we are heavy laden and laboring
 - 3. Come into His yoke – share in His strength
 - 4. Find rest and goodness
 - 5. His gentleness provides the way into this place of refuge
- E. Characteristics of meekness from Psalm 37
 - 1. Trust in the Lord
 - 2. Delight yourself in the Lord
 - 3. Commit your way to the Lord
 - 4. Rest in the Lord
 - 5. Do not fret
 - 6. Cease from anger and forsake wrath

III. Inherit the earth

- A. We are heirs - Galatians 3:29, Romans 8:16-17
- B. Earth can also be understood as land - Land of promise
- C. Meekness enables us to enter into His promises

If you are new/visiting and would like to meet a leader or have questions please stop by The Hub in our lobby. We would love to meet you!