**LINCOLN COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH**

**SERMON OUTLINE**

**August 18th, 2019**

**Matthew 5:4**

**RECAP:** Last week we began this section by looking at the first “beatitude,” which makes it clear that those who are desperately clinging to Christ will inherit the Kingdom of God.

**Thesis**: Christ states these Beatitudes not just as general niceties or general blessings to all those who live moral lives, but rather they are meant to preach the Gospel to a people in need of it.

**EXEGESIS:**

**“Blessed are those who mourn,”**

* General mourning on every level is not the topic here. There are very evil (and godly!) people who mourn over very sinful things for their own selfish ends. **2nd Sam. 19:5-6, Luke 13:28.**
* **Godly sorrow produces repentance.** **Luke 6:21; 2nd Cor. 7:5-13 -** (based on **1st Cor. 5:1-2**)
  + These Greek words for “mourning” and “weeping” are used across all contexts to imply real, emotional, grief, as much as real action and turning in our lives.
  + But the word for sorrow and godly grief also implies change, and a turning from sin. Clearly the sorrow isn’t too genuine, if the thing you are sorrowful over still remains in your life!

**“...for they shall be comforted.”**

* The Greek verb there is written in the indicative future; “they will be comforted.” Christ promises comfort and joy to them.
* Joyful people, are people that repent over sin, and trust in Christ. There is no greater joy than in knowing that God has forgiven you!
  + **The believer can look forward to the promise of infinite, unbelievable joy and happiness and peace in Christ.**
  + They have peace in their hearts, not from their own making, but because God and His peace that “surpasses all understanding” **(Phil. 4:7)** lives in their hearts.
  + A great demonstration of this is actually found in **Psalm 51.**

**Application:**

* **Let’s truly have sorrow and grief over sin in our lives. This is not just grief in general, but godly sorrow that produces repentance. We should, rightly, be sorrowful for sin.**
* **But let’s remember that Christ saves wretched sinners. Let’s focus not on those failures, but on Christ who sacrifices and forgives us. And let’s be comforted as a result.**