

A Longing for What is Right

Matthew 5:6

Blessed are those who hunger & thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

I. What is Righteousness?

A. "Righteousness" = _____.
- Matthew 3:15

1. What are these "acts of righteousness"? – Matthew 6:1
2. So – what did this finally come to mean?

B. What degree of righteousness is acceptable to God?

1. What's the standard for salvation & entrance into heaven?
 - a. What do many believe?
 - b. But how about Matthew 5:20?
 - c. What did this mean to the average Jewish guy?

2. What did Jesus say the standard was? – Matthew 5:18-19

C. So – does the Bible exclude everybody from being saved?

1. Yes – if _____.
2. No – if _____.
- II Corinthians 5:21
3. Now – what does God want to do with you?
– Ephesians 2:10

II. What Does it mean to Hunger & Thirst?

A. Let's look at hunger.

1. What is it like to be hungry?
2. Do you crave living a pleasing life before God that much?

B. Let's look at thirst.

1. How desperate do you feel when you're thirsty?
2. What does God want you to crave like water when you're thirsty?

C. Let's look at S_____. - Matthew 5:13.

1. What does it do?
2. What does that say about what your righteous life can mean to others?

III. What Does it Mean to be Filled?

A. When you live the life God created you to live, what happens?
– Romans 12:1-2

B. What are some of the elements that may appear in your life?

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