

HOW CAN WE KNOW IF WE ARE SAVED?
AFFIRMATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT FOR TRUE BELIEVERS
Matthew 5:6

- I. AN INTRO TO THE BEATITUDES (1-2)
- II. **REVIEW: THE SAVED (BLESSED) RECOGNIZE THEIR TRUE STATE:** Spiritually poor and sinful (3-4)
- III. **THE SAVED (BLESSED) HAVE A NEW DISPOSITION: One which reflects a true relationship with Christ (5-9)**
 - A. **REVIEW: THE SAVED MANIFEST HIS GENTLENESS (5)**
 - B. **THE SAVED DESIRE CHRIST'S RIGHTEOUSNESS manifest in their own behavior (6)**
 1. **What is righteousness? (Misc passages)**
 - (a) Righteousness defined
 - (b) **Righteousness reveled in Scripture**
 - (i) God is by nature is righteous, He acts righteously and His Word is righteous
 - (ii) Man by nature is unrighteous and self-righteous, thus he acts and speaks un-righteously and self-righteously
 - (iii) God provides righteousness (positional and practical)
 2. **THE BLESSED HUNGER AND THIRST FOR HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS (6a)**
 3. **THE RESULT OF HUNGERING AND THIRSTING FOR HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS: The blessed will be satisfied (6b)**