

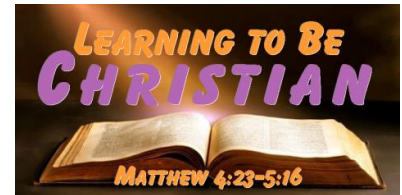


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Mourning Unto Comfort Matthew 5:4



1. Mourning follows being poor in spirit
 - 1) Created as a spiritual being in God's image
 - 2) Possessing nothing of value due to sin, both Adam's & mine
 - 3) Having no capacity to change my spiritual condition on my own
 - 4) Calling upon the Lord in response to Him calling me to redemption & reconciliation
 - 5) Kingdom of heaven citizenship
2. Mourning comes from seeing what God sees
 - 1) Personal sin, rebellion, iniquities, transgressions
 - 2) Corporate sin, lack of holiness
 - 3) Spiritually lost humanity
 - 4) Pervasive, ever-increasing immorality and evil
3. Mourning must be personal and active
 - 1) Moves my heart, mind, and soul
 - 2) Observable grief and sorrow
 - 3) Holy discomfort
 - 4) Turning to and trusting God Himself for relief

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4. God provides comfort – 2 Corinthians 1:3-5
 - 1) His presence
 - 2) His provision to/for heart, mind, and soul, i.e. peace, joy, strength, hope, love
 - 3) His promises
 - 4) His people

5. God invites you to learn to be Christian
 - 1) Choose to see what He illuminates to you
 - 2) Choose to obey what He calls you to do