

SINGLE ALLIANCE

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FILLED WITH RIGHTEOUSNESS

I. Positional Righteousness

- A. This week we look at the fourth Beatitude- Matthew 5.6
- B. First four Beatitudes are based upon our need
 - 1. We need God's spiritual riches
 - 2. We need God's comfort
 - 3. We need God's inheritance
 - 4. We need God's righteousness
 - 5. These in one aspect have been met and in another they are being met
- C. We need to know biblical truth has two sides to it
 - 1. Positional- spiritual- positive- need is already met in Christ- **We are made to be right**
 - a. Romans 10:12- Riches already given
 - b. John 14:17- The Comforter is in us
 - c. Ephesians 1:11- We have obtained an inheritance
- D. We have received our needs met through righteousness in our spirits
 - 1. Romans 8:10- Our spirit was made alive because of righteousness and was the open door in which we obtained God's riches, comfort, and inheritance.
 - 2. 1 Cor. 1:30- Righteousness was the open door for God to work on our soul and redeem our body
 - 3. Romans 5:17- We reign in life because of righteousness
- E. Our hunger and thirst has been met in our spirits when believed upon Christ.
 - 1. John 4:14- We shall not thirst
 - 2. John 6:35- We shall not hunger
- F. Righteousness means to be as you ought to be. In our spirits we are as we ought to be. This meets our deepest need for acceptance- from God and self
- G. Many are thirsting to be right and are trying to find it in accomplishment and approval from people. This can only be received and enjoyed by faith. You need a

- revelation you have been made righteous.
- H. The second aspect of truth is temporal truth- in the natural-
This is a hunger and thirst to DO right.

II. Temporal Righteousness

- A. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness- This is a thirst and hunger to do right. If you hunger and thirst it means that you are not possessing something at the moment.
- B. Who in here are just as they ought to be in their outward life, thought life, word life?
- C. Are you longing to do as you ought? You are blessed because you will be filled.
- D. You hunger and thirst in certain areas you sense that you are lacking in what you ought to be. It is progressive- sanctification. Seek God and be filled
- E. It is our souls that need progressive fillings of righteousness
1. Ps 42:2 - The Spirit is water to our soul
 2. Ps 107:9-11- Soul hungers for good things
 3. Thirst speaks of the Spirit -Isaiah 44:3
 4. Hunger speaks of the Word- Matthew 4:4
- F. Righteousness comes by faith- As we believe God's Word then righteousness enters into our soul
1. Pray in faith- Tongues pray on your holy faith- Jude
 2. Believe the Word
 3. Drinking and eating in the New Testament mean to believe.
- G. If someone does not eat or drink properly they will not have strength to carry out daily actions. This is the case in the spiritual realm.
- H. We must eat and drink the right things to have strength
- I. If we do not know we have positional righteousness we will not be able to receive Grace because we will approach it legalistically. We will try to obtain it through our works instead of faith.
- J. I can lead you to drink and food, but you have drink and eat.