Blessed

"Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:3

Blessed are the humble in Spirit.

Blessed are the surrendered heart.

Blessed are the non-puffed up.

Blessed are those whose heart cry is not my will but yours.

Blessed are those who can say with their spirit (heart), soul (mind), and body "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ lives in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." Galatians 2:20

The thing Jesus is trying to do, today and then is urge upon us to practice what He did Himself.

Blessed is the person who regards the interests of the kingdom of heaven as supreme to their own personal interest.

Blessed is the person who has lost their own identity as an individual and has become a citizen of the kingdom of God.

Blessed is the person who sees the kingdom of heaven as the ultimate, to be possessed.

Blessed is the person who forgets to hoard wealth for themselves, but who uses all they have and all they are for the extension of the kingdom of heaven.

It is putting the act of the love of God and of one another into practice.

This is an action of our entire being, otherwise it is just a mere performance.

One of the miracles of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost was it produced such intense unselfishness in the hearts of all baptized, that they each sold their lands and estates, and brought the money together and distributed to every person as they had need. They were moved by God into <u>one family</u>. Their <u>siblings</u> interests was equal to their own.

Father let our hearts, minds & bodies cry out not my will but yours. In Jesus' name. Amen.