

“Love Rejoices In The Truth”

1 Corinthians 13:6

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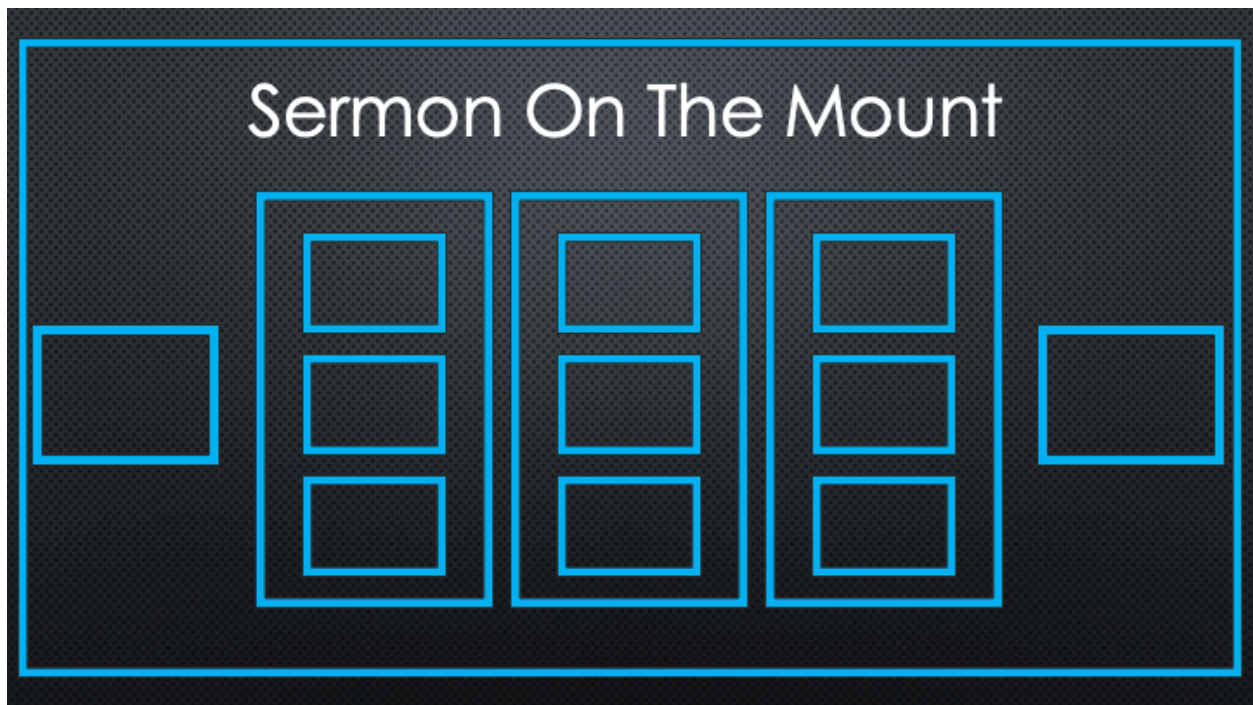
INTRO:

What gets you mad?
What makes you rejoice?

PRAYER

CONTEXT:

- Gospel of Matthew... Gospel of Jesus The Christ
- Sermon On The Mount...



- Our goal is to BE God-glorifying (1 Cor. 10:31) & Christ-like (John 20:21) in our anger (Eph. 4:26).

BIG IDEA: Truth in love is the key to Christ-like anger.

PREVIEW: (A.H.A.)

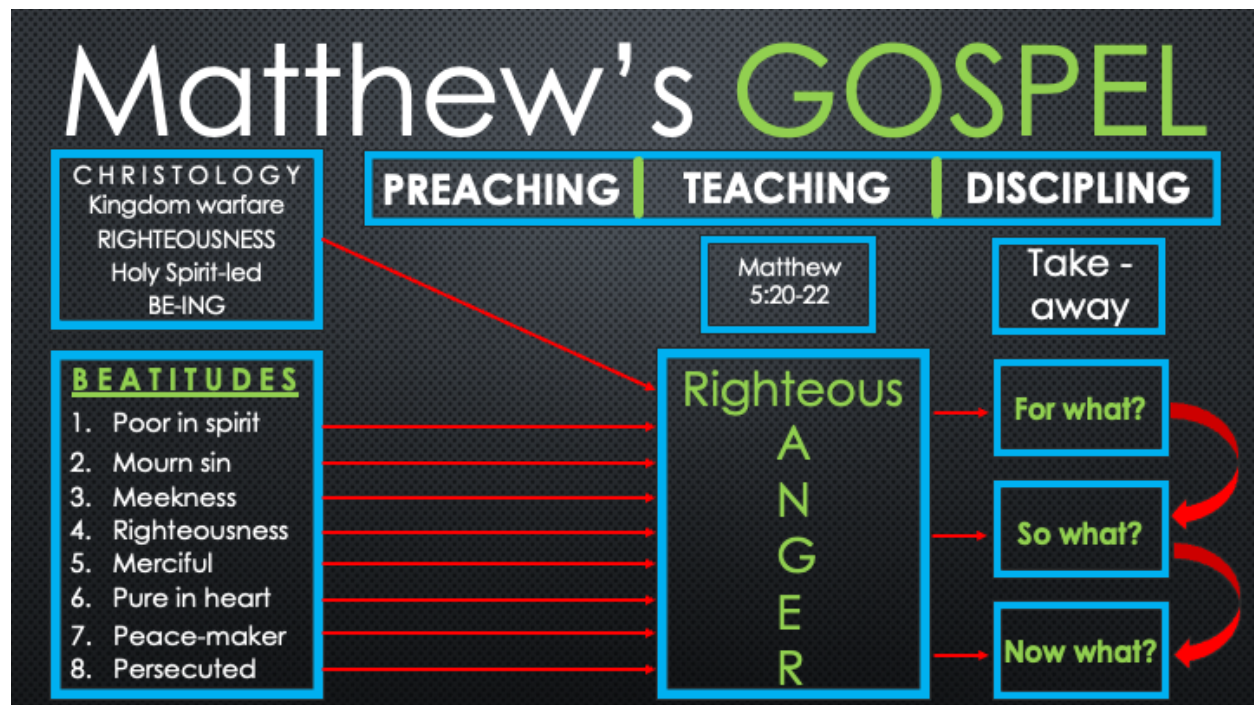
1. Christological Perspective
2. Kingdom Warfare
3. Righteousness Divides
4. Spirit-led Living
5. BE-ing The Beatitudes



TEXT:

1 Corinthians 13:6

*Love does not rejoice at **unrighteousness** / wrongdoing / injustice / evil, but love rejoices with the truth.*



I. Christological Perspective

i. Jesus is LORD

Romans 10:9 & John 3:36

ii. Love The LORD

Deuteronomy 6:5

And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

iii. Love Your Neighbor (NO loopholes!)

Matthew 22:36-40

36 "Teacher, which commandment is the greatest in the Law?"

37 Jesus declared, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ **38** This is the first and greatest commandment. **39** And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ **40** All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

1 Corinthians 13

1 If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. **2** And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. **3** If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned,^a but have not love, I gain nothing. **4** Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant **5** or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;^b **6** it does not rejoice at unrighteousness/wrongdoing/injustice/evil, but rejoices with the truth. **7** Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. **8** Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. **9** For we know in part and we prophesy in part, **10** but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. **11** When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. **12** For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. **13** So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

II. Kingdom Warfare

i. 1 Peter 5:8

ii. 2 Corinthians 11:12-15

*12*And what I am doing I will continue to do, in order to undermine the claim of those who would like to claim that in their boasted mission they work on the same terms as we do. *13*For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. *14*And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. *15*So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds.

iii. Ephesians 6:10-20

*10*Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. *11*Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. *12*For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. *13*Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. *14*Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, *15*and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. *16*In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; *17*and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, *18*praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, *19*and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, *20*for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

III. Righteousness Divides

Matthew 5:20-26

For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

***21**“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ **22**But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother^c will be liable to judgment; whoever insults^d his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire.*

IV. Spirit-led Living

Galatians 5: 16-26

***16**But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. **17**For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. **18**But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. **19**Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, **20**idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, **21**envy,^d drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.*

22But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

24And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

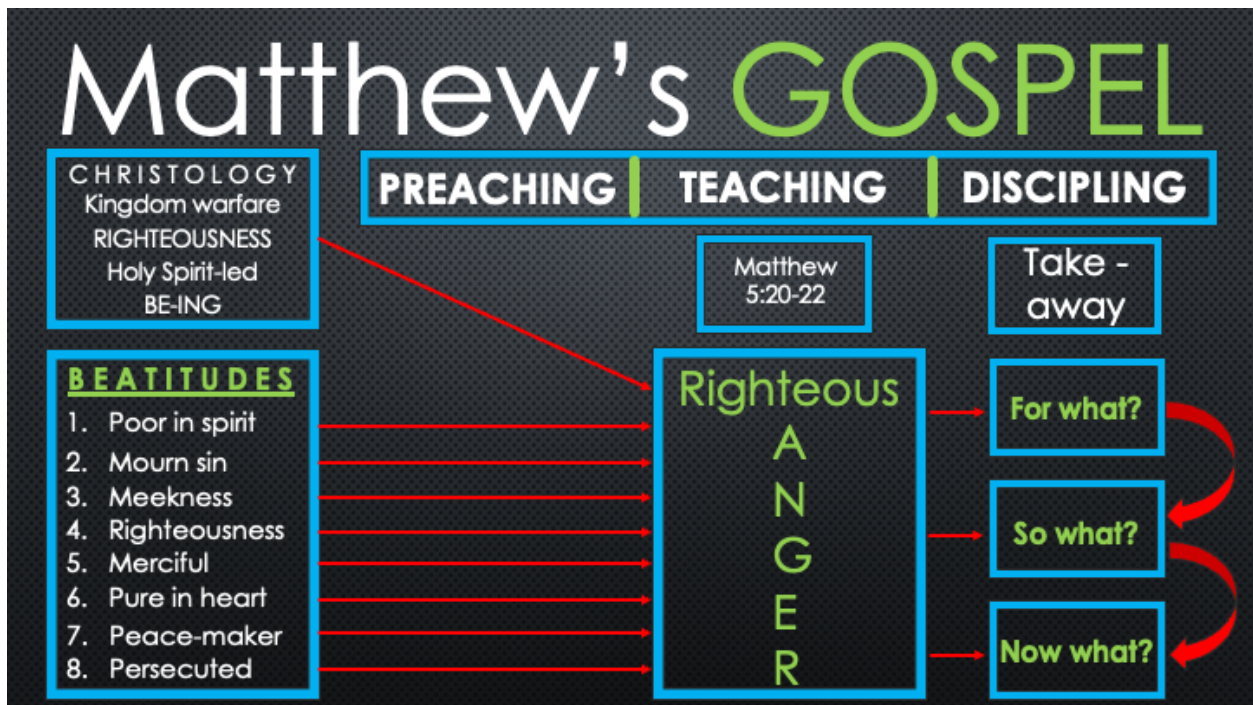
25If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. 26Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

V. BE-ing The Beatitudes

Ephesians 4:11-16

*11*And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, *12*to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, *13*until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, *14*so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. *15*Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, *16*from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

REVIEW:



Truth in love is the key
to Christ-like anger.

CLOSE: Let us always **BE Christ-like**
ambassadors of truth in love... in **ALL** of our
anger and rejoicing!

PRAYER

WORSHIP: *Hold Us Together & Run To The Father*