Those Other Beatitudes
Matt. 5:3-11

Introduction:
A. Most Bible readers are familiar the beatitudes of Jesus in the sermon on the mount.
   1. Called beatitudes because the word means “supreme blessed of happiness.”
   2. Jesus tells who is blessed and why.
B. There are other “beatitudes” or pronouncements of blessedness in the Bible.
   1. Each of these tells who is blessed and why.
   2. These are so important that they need our attention.

Discussion:
I. “Blessed Is the Man to Whom God Will Not Impute Sin” (Rom. 4:8)
   A. Blessed because he is a forgiven man (Rom. 4:7; cf. Psa. 32:1-6)
      1. Not that God did not charge him with sin,
      2. But, that God forgave when he acknowledged his sin.
   B. Blessed because he is no longer separated from God. (Isa. 59:2)
   C. Blessed because he is in a position to face the judgement (Matt. 7:22-23)

II. “Blessed Is the Man That Endureth Temptation” (Jas. 1:12).
   A. Blessed because he shall receive the crown of life.
      1. Not because he was tempted, but that he endured (cf. Rev. 2:10)
      2. This kind of crown was a reward for victory.
   B. He endures with the help of God (1 Cor. 10:13; Heb. 4:15-16)

III. “Blessed Is He That Readeth ...” (Rev. 1:3)
   A. Blessed because he hears what is written.
   B. Blessed because he does what is written (cf. Jas. 1:23-25)

IV. “Blessed Are the Dead Who Die in the Lord” (Rev. 14:13)
   A. Blessed because they die “in the Lord.” or in fellowship with Him.
      1. They were baptized into the Lord (cf. Gal. 3:26-27)
      2. They continued to abide in the Lord (cf. John 15:4-7)
   B. Blessed because they rest from their labors.
      1. They have not been idle in Lord’s work.
      2. They have found that rest that remains for the people of God. (Heb. 4:9)

V. “Blessed Are They That Do His Commandments” (Rev. 22:14).
   A. Blessed because they have right to the tree of life – the right that man lost in Eden.
   B. Blessed because they will enter through “the gates of the city.”

Conclusion:
A. Are you among the truly blessed?
B. Remember all spiritual blessings are in Christ (Eph. 1:3)
   1. Have you been baptized into Christ?
   2. Are you still abiding in Christ?