



THE BEATITUDES

Living right-side-up in a upside-down world







Beatitudes

Matthew 5:3-8

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**3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

**4 Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.**

**5 Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.**

**6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for
righteousness,**

for they will be filled.



**7 Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.**

**8 Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.**



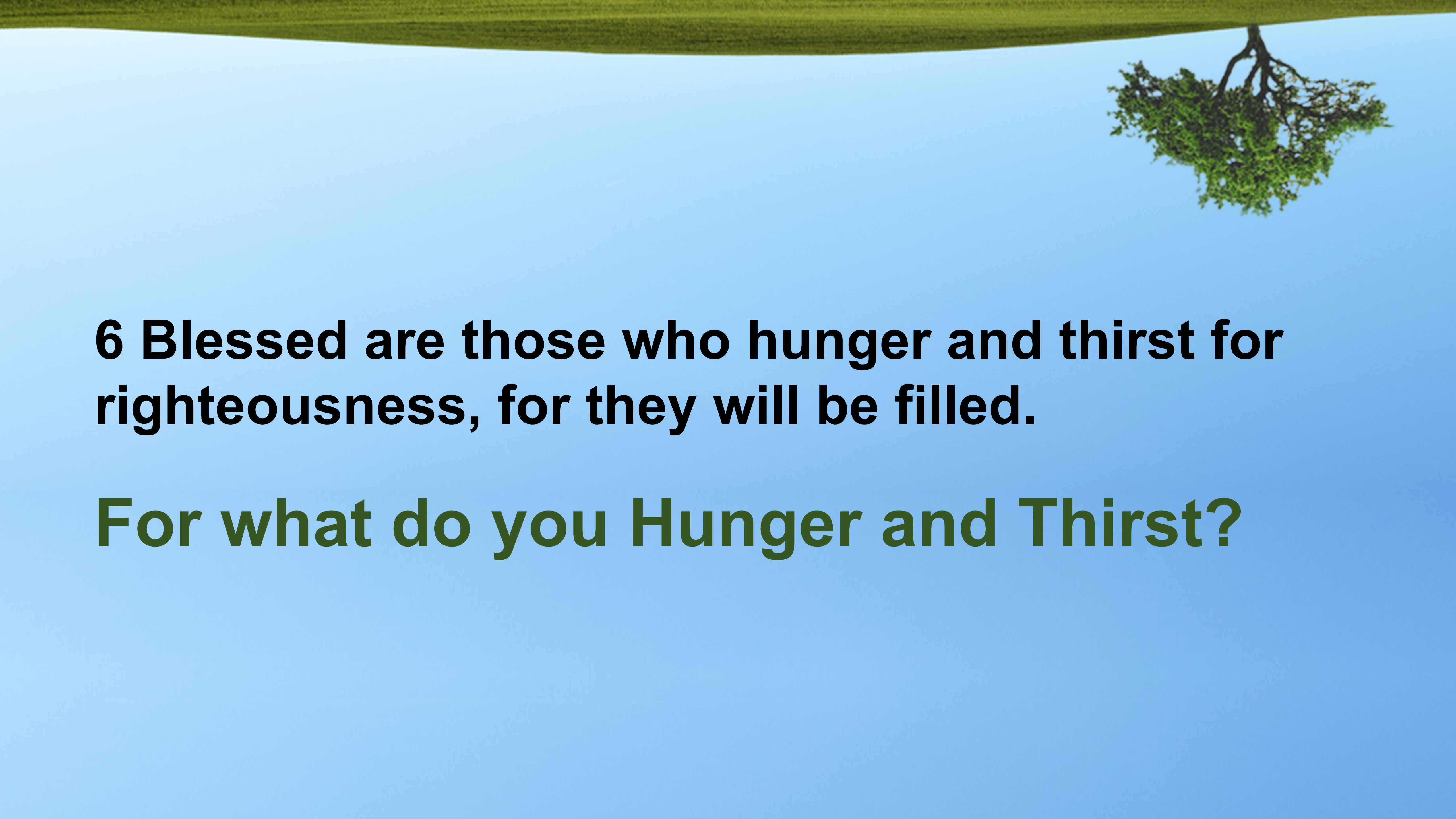


9 Blessed are the peacemakers,

for they will be called children of God.

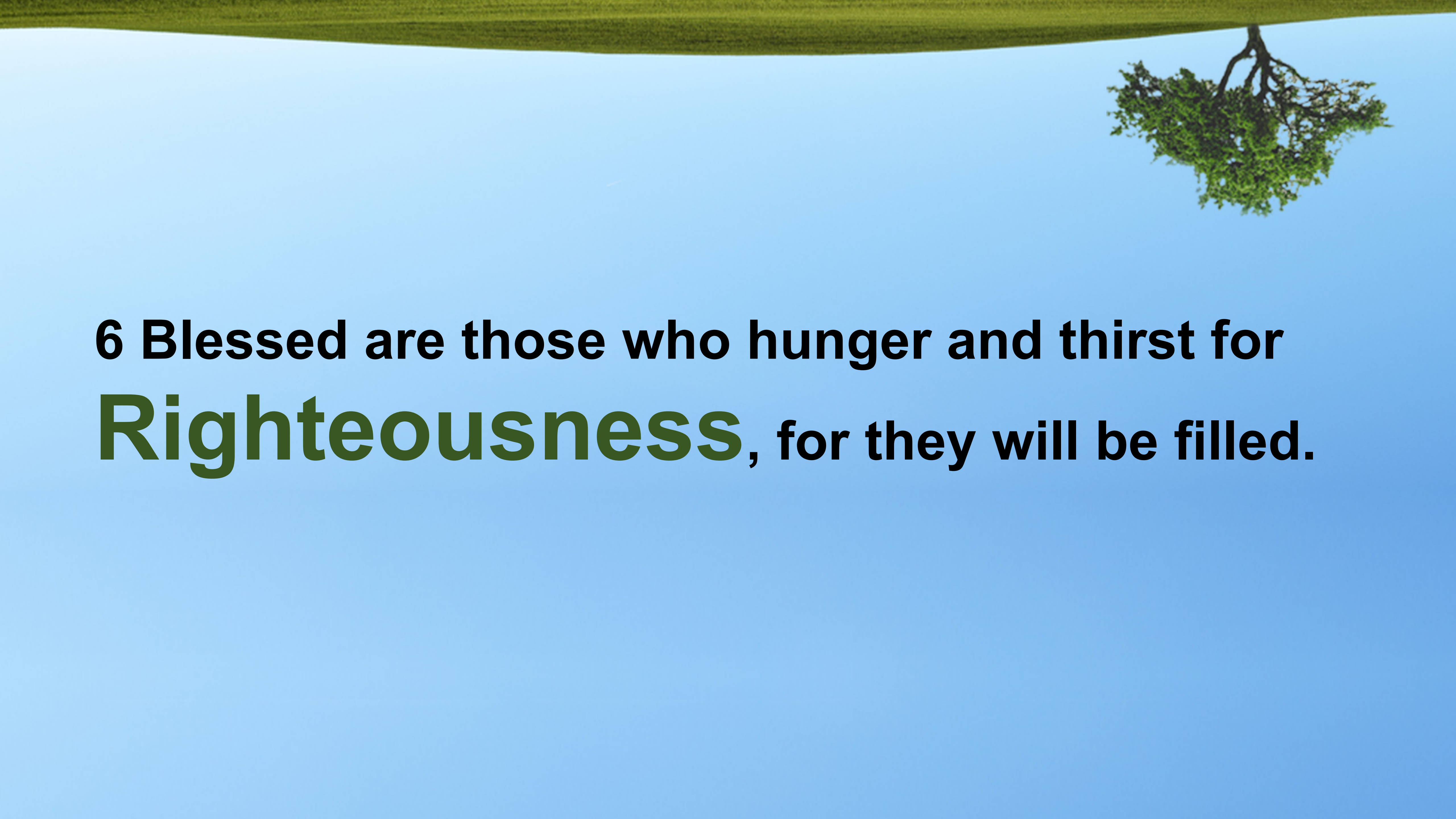
**10 Blessed are those who are persecuted
because of righteousness,**

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.



6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

For what do you Hunger and Thirst?



**6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for
Righteousness, for they will be filled.**

Righteousness Is.....

- **Right standing with God (forgiven / accepted)**
- **Doing what pleases God**
- **Being in step with God**
- **Desiring to be free from sin**

Righteousness Is.....

**To be like Jesus Christ
(God visible in the flesh)**



Search for Happiness

**Jesus says the truly
happy people are those
who seek righteousness
like a hungry man seeks a meal
and a thirsty man seeks a drink.**



Trouble in the World

How could the world be changed

if everyone pursued righteousness?

Your family and friends?

Your personal, private life?



Got Righteousness?

- Realize / Admit you need God
- Can't save yourself or be good enough
- Call to God – “Jesus rescue me – be my Savior”
- Righteousness Comes Immediately!!!!!!

Map Out Your Life

Birth

Created in the image of God with free will.

Our separation from God is increasingly visible, with our eyes on self, independent and proud.

Map Out Your Life

Faith Decision

We realize our need for God,

find our Savior,

receive forgiveness,

awakened spiritually

New Life in Christ

2 Corinthians 5:17

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

Righteousness is ongoing – Goal is to become like Jesus – growing as we trust and obey

Map Out Your Life

Heaven – The Kingdom of God fully revealed

“Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.” 1 John 3:2

Between Faith and Heaven

We hunger and thirst for righteousness.

2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:1-2

Between Faith and Heaven

6 being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 1:6

Signs of a Good Appetite for God

Read God's Word

Learn from Trusted Teachers

Adopt a New Diet – New Choices

Signs of a Good Appetite for God

Avoid everything opposed to God's righteousness

Avoid whatever dulls your desire to know God

Daily reminder of who you are in your new life

Signs of a Good Appetite for God

Find time for God

Be with people / places where God is at work.

Be Filled

Hungry?

Thirsty?

For Righteousness?





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