

All Saints Sunday ~ Sunday, November 2, 2025
“To God Be the Glory ~ Through the Lives of His Saints”
Revelation 7:9-17 & Matthew 5:1-12

In the New Testament, every believer in Christ is called a saint—not because of personal achievement, but because of divine _____. Saints aren’t perfect people—they’re _____ people. They’re those who belong wholly to God, and whose lives, however imperfect, _____ His glory.

Between the mountain of the Beatitudes and the throne of the Lamb lies our journey, a road of grace, _____, and faith.

#1. The Saints _____.

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them...” (Matthew 5:1)

The Sermon on the Mount is the most complete description anywhere in the NT of the _____ nature of the Gospel. In it is described a Christian value system, ethical standard, religious devotion, attitude to money, ambition, lifestyle, and relationships—all of which are at total _____ with those of the non-Christian, secular world.

Having said that, it’s important to note that it opens not with _____, but with _____. Before Jesus tells His disciples what to do, He tells them what to be.

beatitude =

***makarios* = blessed =**

The fullest meaning of the word had to do with inward _____ that isn’t affected by _____.

Jesus makes it clear that true happiness, or blessedness, isn’t derived from what we have, or what we do, or where we are, but rather comes from _____ relating to God and _____ to His call.

The kind of joy that’s being described here is an _____ joy, and contentedness, that comes from walking in the company and presence of Jesus.

The Beatitudes describe the spiritual _____ every true saint: men and women who reflect the _____ of God in a broken world. The saints glorify God not by worldly strength, but by spiritual _____. They don’t shine because of fame or fortune, but because their lives point beyond themselves to the _____ of God.

• **Blessed are the poor in spirit.** These are those who know their _____ for God. The saint isn’t self-sufficient, but _____. _____ is their crown.

• **Blessed are those who mourn.** This isn’t just about grief or personal loss, but mourning the sin and _____ of the world. The saints weep because their hearts beat in _____ with God’s. They glorify Him through _____.

• **Blessed are the meek.** Meekness isn’t weakness, but gentle strength under _____. The meek glorify God by reflecting His patience and _____. They trust His _____, instead of demanding their own.

• **Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.** Saints aren’t satisfied with surface _____, they crave holiness and God’s perfect justice. God is glorified when His people long for His _____ to come in full.

• **Blessed are the merciful.** God’s glory shines brightest through mercy. A heart that _____ when wronged, and that helps the undeserving, mirrors the mercy of the _____.

• **Blessed are the pure in heart** are those who love God for who He is, not what He gives. Purity is not perfection, but _____, an _____ heart.

• **Blessed are the peacemakers.** These are people who build _____ instead of walls, and in all they say and do, _____ the Prince of Peace Himself.

• **Blessed are those who are persecuted.** Saints who endure suffering for righteousness show that God is worth more than _____. And, their steadfast faith glorifies Him before a _____ world.

Each beatitude is a window into God’s _____, and through these windows, His glory shines into the world.

It’s important to note that saints aren’t the light, they’re the _____. Christ is the light. But they are positioned and polished by _____ so that the light passes through them _____.

We honour the saints best not by venerating their images, but by _____ their obedience. We may not all be called to do great things, but we’re all called to let God’s light shine through us and our ordinary, everyday lives.

“Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16)

#2. The Saints _____.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 5:10)

“These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.” (Revelation 7:14)

Both of these passages highlight a central truth of the Christian faith: _____ holds firm when life hurts. The saints glorify God not only by how they live, but by how they _____. Faith that never faces testing remains _____. However, faith that perseveres through hardship becomes a living _____ to the power of grace.

Perseverance doesn’t mean perfection or unshakable strength, it means grace-fuelled _____. The saints keep going not because they’re tougher, but because God is _____.

“To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy...” (Jude 24)

- They came out. They didn’t stay in the tribulation forever. _____ isn’t the end of their story, it’s the road to glory.
- Their robes are white because of the Lamb, not their own _____, not their endurance, but Christ’s redeeming blood. That’s the secret of the saints’ perseverance: grace that redeems, grace that _____, grace that finishes the race.

“By your endurance you will gain your souls.” (Luke 21:19)

The saints’ perseverance is not a monument to human _____, but to divine grace.

“By the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain.” (1 Corinthians 15:10)

Every saint’s life is an echo of that _____: grace began it, grace sustained it, grace completed it.

#3. The Saints _____.

“After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: ‘Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!’” (Revelation 7:9-10)

This is the great crescendo—the transition from faith to _____. If Matthew 5 gives us a picture of what the saints look like on earth, Revelation 7 gives us a breathtaking vision of what they look like in _____.

This is heaven’s ultimate answer to the Beatitudes. Every _____ Jesus made on that mountainside finds its fulfilment before the throne, and in Heaven’s unending anthem.

That is the sound of heaven: not _____, not applause for human achievement, but pure, unbroken _____ to God. The saints in glory are not boasting in what they accomplished, they’re worshipping the One who accomplished it all for them.

One day, we will join that song, we will find our own _____ in that great choir in the throne room of Heaven. And we too, will worship for all eternity. The saints we remember today aren’t distant heroes, they’re our family in Christ, cheering us on and waiting to _____ us home!

The Church is both _____ and _____, far bigger than our own time, parish, or denomination. The saints in glory bear witness that God’s grace has indeed reached the ends of the earth. Their _____ glorifies God because it shows His power to redeem and reconcile a broken humanity into one people. What we often divide by culture, politics, or preference, Christ unites by His _____.

“Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.” (Revelation 7:16-17)

Their praise isn’t abstract theology, but _____ in its purest form, born of suffering, purified by faith, and perfected in glory.



All Saints’ Day reminds us that heaven isn’t a distant dream, it’s our ultimate _____. The saints before the throne were once pilgrims like us. Their story is our _____.

Living with heaven in view _____ how we live on earth. It calls us to love more deeply, _____ more joyfully, and hope more confidently, for the same God who glorified them will one day glorify us.