

Be-ATTITUDES

8 STATEMENTS OF FAITH FOR A CHRISTIAN



Class 6

Blessed are pure in heart,
for they shall see God



The Structure of the Be-Attitudes

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"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted

"Blessed are the meekest, for they shall inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

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"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God

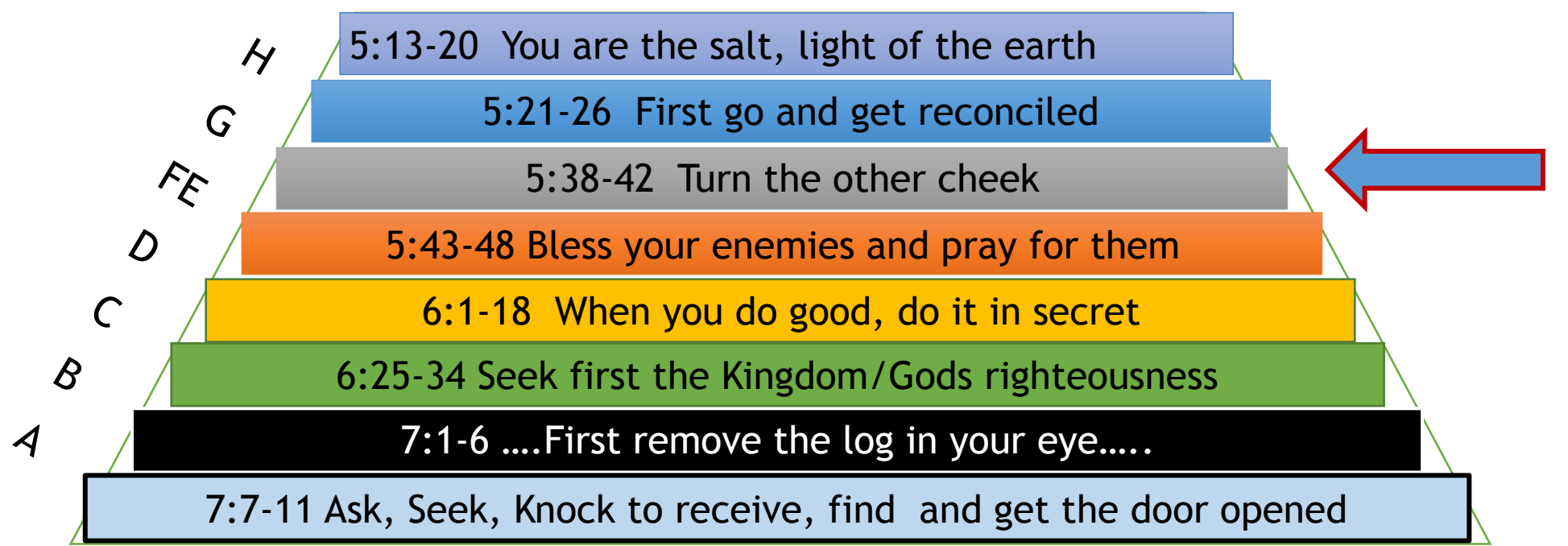
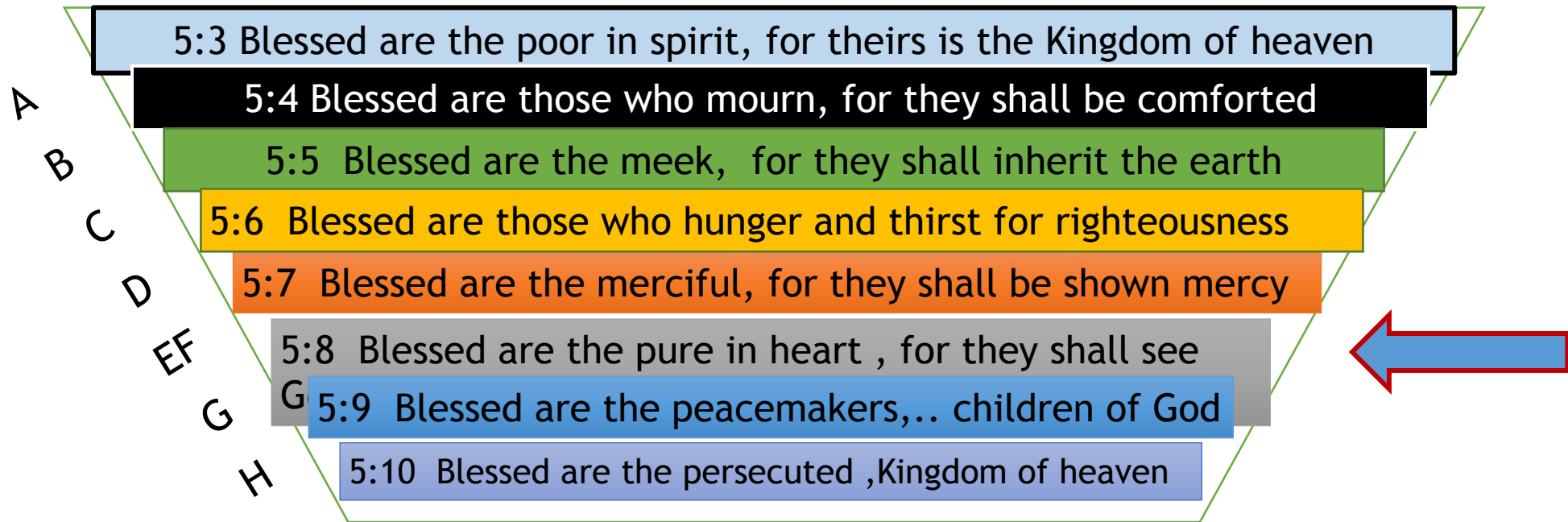
"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Broken, grieving,
quiet person who
longs for
righteousness

Empty

Full

The merciful,
pure, peacemaker
who is persecuted
for righteousness



Beatitudes have to do with the way we see ourselves before God, and therefore the way we relate with fellow (wo)man



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Matthew 5: 38-42

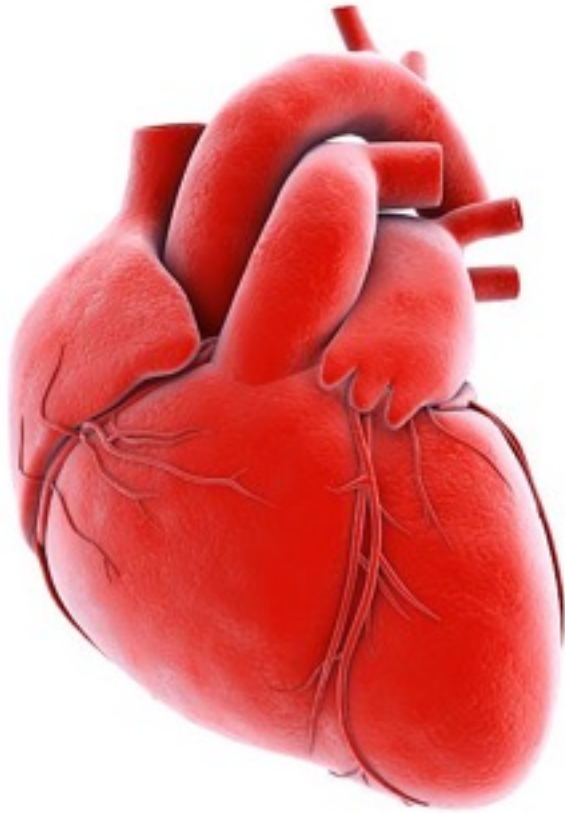
You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.'^[a]³⁹ But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. ⁴⁰ And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. ⁴¹ If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. ⁴² Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.

Exodus 21:24, Lev 24:20, Deut 19:21

Laws were meant to limit vengeance and to help the court to administer punishment that was neither too lenient nor too strict. "Make the punishment fit the crime".

Today: I was just doing to him what he did to me

What is the “heart”?



Greek
---”Cardia”

#5: Blessed are pure in heart, for they shall see God

What is the heart (kardia)?

It is used metaphorically to represent the inner person, seat of motives and attitudes.

In Scripture, it is the control centre of will and thought as well as emotion (MacAthur)

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The <u>will</u> (The Center of Choice)	Chooses to allow anger, fear etc to take root in the mind	I choose....
The <u>Mind</u> (Center of thought)	Nurtures the sinful attitude	I think....
The <u>heart</u> (Center of emotion)	Triggers actions that displeases God	I feel....
The <u>strength</u> (the body)	Commits the sin	I do....

45 degrees East
at 50 nautical
miles

1. Choice



45 degrees East at
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2. thought
3. emotion

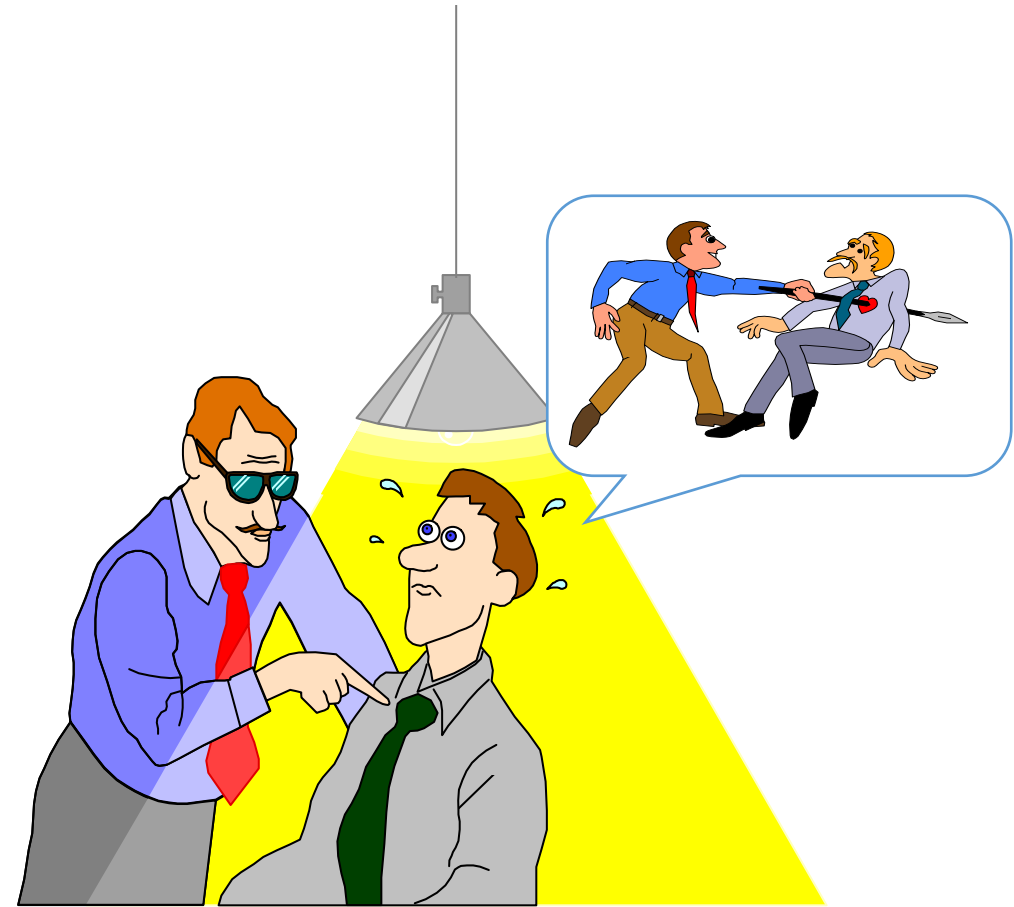
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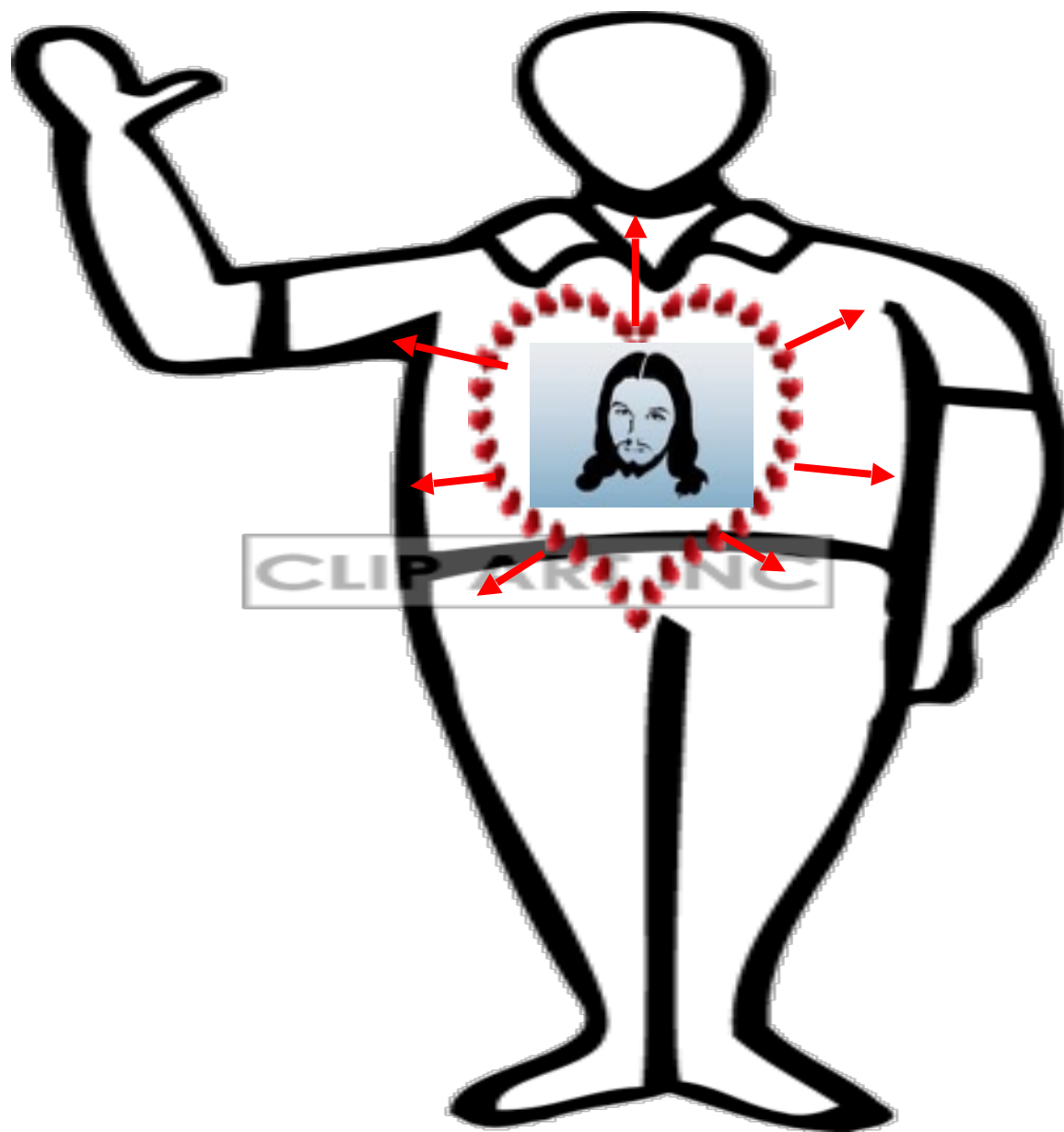
From the heart are all the issues of life.

"Man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart"
([1 Samuel 16:7](#)).

For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a man.
([Matthew 15:18–19](#))

Either make the tree good, and its fruit good; or make the tree bad, and its fruit bad; for the tree is known by its fruit . . . For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.
([Matthew 12:33–34](#))





Christ Starts at the Heart and when He gets that, he gets the rest of you.

Mat 23:25 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and the plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence.

Rom 2:5 But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed.

2Ti 3:7 always learning and never able to arrive at a knowledge of the truth.

What is purity (katharos)

kath-ar-os'

- Of uncertain affinity; *clean* (literally or figuratively): - clean, clear, pure.
- Cleansed from dirt, filth and contamination.

Denotes one who loves God with all his heart, undivided loyalty, singleness of purpose

Heb 12:14 Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.

Psa 24:3-6

Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully. He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. Selah (“pause and think about that”)

James 4:8

Draw near to God and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you men of double mind.

What is to see God?



1. To be admitted in His Presence

"Get away from me; take heed to yourself; never see my face again; for in the day you see my face you shall die." Moses said, "As you say! I will not see your face again." ([Exodus 10:28-29](#))

2. To Be Awestruck by His Glory

I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes."
([Job 42:5-6](#))

3. To Be Comforted by His Grace

But He said to me, "My Grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness"
([2 Cor 12:7-](#))

In which ways do we see God?

1. We see God in nature

Psalm 19:1-3

Rom 1:20

2. We see Him in faith

Heb 11:27

3. We see God everywhere even in
“darkness”

Psalm 139:7-12

4. We will see Him in heaven

1 John 3:2, Rev 22:3-4

Rom 1:20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

Heb 11:27 By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible.

Psa 139:12 even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.

1Jn 3:2 Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

“Put two men in a room filled with ancient pictures. A man with no knowledge and no skill could not tell an old master from a worthless daub, whereas a trained art critic might well discern a picture worth thousands of pounds in a collection which someone else might dismiss as junk”. Barclay

In every sphere of life, we see what we are able to see.

Psalm 18:25 To the pure, you show yourself pure.....

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Practical

Let your “heart” dwell on things of God Phil 4:8

2 Cor 10:3-6

Active mind

Captured thoughts

Tough mind

Submissive mind

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Our Challenge

- "Who can say, 'I have made my heart clean; I am pure from my sin?'" "Prov 20:9"
- "Who then can be saved?" Luke 18:26

Jesus Answer?

Our response

- "Create in me a pure heart, O God" Psalm 51:10
- Look to Christ "who gave himself for us . . . to purify for himself a people" Titus 2:14