

# The Year for Living Right

Matthew 5:6

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

# What is Righteousness?

Dictionary.com – “acting in an upright, moral way; virtuous”

# What is Righteousness?

The ability to stand in God's presence without guilt, shame, or condemnation.

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**An attribute of God's being;** God's right and just character, actions and judgments. God's righteousness as understood in a covenantal context includes God's right judgment of both God's own people and those who oppress them, as well as God's salvation and mercy extended to those to whom the covenanting God has promised to be faithful. **Righteousness and salvation are summed up in and provided for all those who believe in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. By extension, righteousness denotes the type of life that ought to characterize Jesus' disciples. Believers are to "imitate" God and thereby become righteous in life just as God is righteous.** [Grenz, S., Guretzki, D., & Nordling, C. F. (1999). Pocket dictionary of theological terms (Page 103). Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press.Hunger and Thirst]

# Living Right

*Romans 3:22-23 – “<sup>22</sup> This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,”*

# Hunger and Thirst

- What do you hunger and thirst for??

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- *Psalm 119:103 – “How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!”*

# Hunger and Thirst

- *Phil 3:8-11 – “<sup>8</sup> What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. <sup>10</sup> **I want to know Christ**—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.*

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- The blessings of the Beatitudes are the promises of the Kingdom.

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- *Revelation 22:14 – “Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city.”*

# Filled...

- This “filling” is complete satisfaction!

# Living it...

- Get Hungry!
- Experience Blessing!
- Be filled!
- Get ready for the ride... This year we're committed to Living Right!