

Sermon Series: "Counter Culture"  
Series Text: Matthew 5-7  
Message 2: "Victoriously Broken"

KEY SCRIPTURE PASSAGE: an overview of **MATTHEW 5:1-16**

+ Theme: the difference between FACING LIFE (with Christ) vs. FAKING LIFE (without Christ)

- Opposing mentalities of **RELIGION** -and- **RELATIONSHIP**

\* Is your spiritual life a "list" of do's & don'ts or accepting God's "love"?...

### \* To Truly KNOW Jesus Christ in a RELATIONSHIP:

1) Christians are not called to "happiness" but to "\_\_\_\_\_"

- Paul = Philippians
- Greek = "makarios" = a "verbal congratulations"
- The "Beatitudes" (Matthew 5:1-12) are NOT about SEEKING personal happiness
- James 1:2, 12

2) Joy is lived in \_\_\_\_\_ ways

- Matthew 5:3-12
  - \* counter-cultural & unexpected
  - \* you will be misunderstood (vs. 11-12)
  - \* not religious activity
  - \* God's blessings always precede the demands
  - \* relationship with GOD & OTHERS (Matthew 22:34-40)
  - \* book of JAMES is also a "commentary" on the 'Sermon on the Mount'

3) Sincere Joy is \_\_\_\_\_

- verse 13 = Salt
- verses 14-16 = Light

**We are JOYFUL. We are 'VICTORIOUSLY BROKEN.' We never have to FAKE our way through life!**