

Sermon Series: "Counter Culture"

Text: Matthew 5-7

Message 5: Beatitude #3 – "The Gentle Strength of Meekness"

* KEY SCRIPTURE PASSAGE: **MATTHEW 5:5**

* KEY QUESTION: What kind of person is Jesus calling me to be?

* 1 CORINTHIANS 1:26-29

- **"MEEKNESS" = Greek: "praos"**:

- Classical Greek = soothing ointment / gentle breeze

- Biblical Koine Greek = taming a wild animal / power under restraint / teachable

- the combination of humility with zeal & purpose

- under the leading of the HOLY SPIRIT

* MATTHEW 27:12-14 = Jesus stands silent before Pilate

* PSALM 37:11 – also note the CONDITIONS to be met in prior verses

* **How do I know when I've embraced MEEKNESS? – 3 Questions:**

1) What is my attitude to God's _____ & _____?

* JAMES 1:21

2) What is my attitude to those who _____ & _____?

* GALATIANS 6:1 / EPHESIANS 4:2

3) What is my attitude to those who _____ with me?

* **THE BLESSING** = ROMANS 4:13 & ROMANS 8:17 / MATTHEW 5:3, 5

How Jesus defined Himself = MATTHEW 11:29