Who Are You?

Matthew 5:27-32
2 Samuel 12:1-15
Mark 10:1-12

Who?

A Review

- Who is the "you"?
  - v. 18, 20, 22, 26, 28, 32, 34, 39, 44, 48.
- (v. 1) Disciples!
  - Luke 14:28
  - Luke 14:33
  - John 10:26-29
- "Blessed are . . ."
  - NOT a command
  - BUT a characteristic of citizens.
  - Who you are!!!
  - This is what GRACE does or this is what GOD does to us!
  - When we come-again we become new creations! (2 Corinthians 5:17)
  - God exerts His mighty power on us to change us! (Ephesians 1:17-19)
- (v. 11) “YOU” or “YE” – PLURAL
  - Romans 12:4-5; 1 Corinthians 12:12, 14-26.
- (v. 13) “YOU are the salt of the earth!” – NOT “be the salt of the earth”.
- (v. 14) “YOU are the light of the world!” – NOT “be the light of the world.”
- NOTE to meditate on:
  - For salt to do its work it must be in contact with what it is to do its work on!
  - For light to do its work it must be in contact with darkness!
- BOTTOM LINE: Be who you are!

How to Be Who YOU Are

- (vv. 17-19) By uncompromising when it comes to the Word of God.
- (vv. 20-24) By not hating your brother and sister.
- (vv. 25-26) By acknowledging your error, mistake, sin.
- (vv. 27-30) By having pure thoughts.
- (vv. 31-32) By being faithful to your spouse.
- (vv. 33-37) By keeping your word.
- (vv. 39-42) By not being vengeful.
- (vv. 41-48) By loving as your are loved. (John 13:34-35)

“I Say to You . . .”

- Christ speaks with absolute authority.
- Either Christ is who says He is or He is to be ignored completely.
- If not ignored, He must be obeyed completely.

Hatred = Murder; Lust = Adultery (vv. 27-30)

- (vv. 21-24; 1 John 3:15) — The Judge (Acts 17:31) declares hate equal to the sin of murder.
- In these verses, the Judge declares lust equal to the sin of adultery.

It Is in the Heart! (vv. 28-30)

- God judges the HEART!
  - Look at Isaiah 14:12-15
  - 1 Samuel 16:7
- Definition of heart — “the fountain and seat of thoughts, passions, desires, appetites, purposes, endeavors; the faculty and seat of understanding, intelligence; the will and character”
- We are commanded to “keep your heart will all diligence, for out of if spring the issues of life.” (Proverbs 4:23)
- ALL sin begins in the heart. (Matthew 15:19)
- (vv. 29-30) Get rid of whatever is causing you to sin. (Matthew 18:7-9)

“I Do Until Death” means “I Do Until Death” (vv. 31-32)

- Passages that deal with marriage and divorce. (Mark 10:1-12; Romans 7:1ff; 1 Corinthians 7:10-11)
- God is on the record as hating divorce. (Malachi 2:16)
- Why does God hate divorce?
  - Divorce makes marriage vows cheap.
  - Divorce hurts children and others.
  - Divorce destroys the picture of Christ and His Bride. (Eph. 5:22-32)
  - Divorce ignores the truth that two have become one and no man can put it separate what God has made one. (Mark 10:9)
  - Divorce hurts society. The family is the foundation of a society and marriage is the foundation of a family.
- A man (or a woman) who commits adultery lack understanding and destroys his/her own soul. (Proverbs 6:32)

To Do List

- Be who we are!
- Grow in faith in believing what God has made us – not what we feel.
- Rejoice in forgiveness and mercy for our falling short of God’s glory.
- BE what God has made us to the world — SALT and LIGHT.