

**Blessed Are the Pure in Heart  
(The Beatitudes II)**

**Matthew 5:8-12**

**Key Verse: 8**

1. Read verse 8. How would you describe a person with a pure heart? Why is difficult to keep a pure heart? (Jer 17:9) What does it mean that they will “see God”? How can a heart be purified? (1 Jn 1:7)
2. Why is it difficult to be a peacemaker? (9; Ge 6:5) What blessing do peacemakers receive? Who is the ultimate peacemaker? (Isa 9:6; Eph 2:14-16) How are believers called to be peace makers? (2 Co 5:18)
3. Why are people persecuted in the world? (10) Why is the Christian persecuted? (Jn 15:18) How did Jesus, our King, endure persecution? (1Pe 2: 23) Why should we rejoice and be glad? (11-12) How is the reward of this blessing related to the first? (1Pe 1:3-4)