



# PART 2... AN INVITATION TO REVOLT

## Introduction – One Step Back (A Review)

Acts 9:2; 18:25-26; John 14:6; Mark 1:15; John 5:39-40;  
Mark 7:15, 19; Luke 11:37-41; Matthew 19:3-9

Through Jesus, God is calling us all back to the \_\_\_\_\_,  
to a pre-\_\_\_\_\_ way of living.

## Two Steps Forward – Going Against The Flow

**Matthew 5:3-16**

**JESUS THOUGHT:** God is \_\_\_\_\_ you.

John 3:16-17

### **IMPLICATION FOR JESUS PEOPLE:**

Christ-followers live their lives looking for \_\_\_\_\_ of God's love at work.

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| 1. "POOR IN SPIRIT"                      | <b>Mark 2:17</b>  |
| 2. "THOSE WHO MOURN"                     | <b>Romans 8:22-23</b>   |
| 3. "THE MEEK/GENTLE"                     | <b>Psalms 37:11</b>   |
| 4. "HUNGER AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS" | <b>Rom. 10:3; Phil. 3:9</b>   |
| 5. "MERCIFUL"                            | <b>Hosea 6:6; 9:13; 12:7</b>  |
| 6. "PURE IN HEART"                       | <b>Psalms 24:3-4; 86:11; Deuteronomy 6:4-5; James 4:8; Philipians 3:13; Luke 10:42; Matthew 13:45-46; Romans 8:28</b> |
| 7. "PEACEMAKERS"                         |   |

### **JESUS THOUGHT:**

Peace is not a passive absence of aggression, but an active way of life that prioritizes \_\_\_\_\_ as the road to end conflict.

### **IMPLICATION FOR JESUS PEOPLE:**

Christ-followers must take the \_\_\_\_\_ to bring people together, without worry of the personal cost to themselves.

8. "PERSECUTED BECAUSE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS" **1 Peter 4:12-13**

SALT & LIGHT...

**Mark 9:49-50; Leviticus 2:13; Ezekiel 43:24; Ezra 4:14; Numbers 18:19; 2 Kings 2:19-22; Job 6:6; Colossians 4:5; Isaiah 42:6; 49:6; Daniel 12:3**

### **JESUS THOUGHT:**

Salt does not exist for itself. It is \_\_\_\_\_ while kept in the salt-shaker.

### **IMPLICATION FOR JESUS PEOPLE:**

We are not following Jesus by just "going to church" and being \_\_\_\_\_ spiritual only. We are called to make a difference in our world. If we are not making a difference in the world, we are not disciples of Jesus.

## Conclusion – Join The Irreligious Revolution!

**Hosea 6:6**

### Recommendations For Further Study...

TAPES... *The Jesus Scandals; The Scene of the Crime*

BOOKS... *The Original Jesus* (N.T. Wright); *The Jesus I Never Knew* (Philip Yancey)

### HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS...

#### WARMING UP...

- Explore and discuss any or all of these quotes: **a)** N.T. Wright: *Jesus wasn't simply a great teacher, and if we try to describe him like that we will misunderstand him.* **b)** Soren Kierkegaard: *Purity of heart is to will one thing.* **c)** Augustine: *While turned from Thee, the One Good, I lost myself among a multiplicity of things.*
- Take time to review this week's message and discuss your reactions. Talk about what most challenged, puzzled, or encouraged you.

#### LOOK TO THE BOOK...

- Discuss what lessons can be tied in to the Beatitudes from **Matthew 9:9-13**. In what ways does one passage help us understand and apply the other?
- Read the next section of the Sermon on the Mount – **Matthew 5:17-20**. **a)** Why do you think Jesus would need to tell people not to think that he had come to abolish the Law? What clues does this give us about his lifestyle? **b)** What do you think it means that Jesus *fulfilled* the Old Testament Scriptures? **c)** How can the promise of Jesus in **5:17** not to abolish the Law be explained in light of Mark's explanatory aside in **Mark 7:19**, Jesus' command in **Luke 10:8**, Jesus' teaching in **Luke 16:16**, Peter's revelation in **Acts 10:9-16**, and Paul's comment in **Ephesians 2:14-15**? **d)** How should the fact that Jesus has *fulfilled* the Law effect the way Christ-followers read and apply Scripture today? Give some practical examples.

#### SO WHAT?...

- Take a few moments (2-3 minutes) to meditate on **Matthew 5:16** as it applies to *your* life. (If you like, after meditating share any new insights or old reminders that have come to mind.)
- Pray for each other regarding your continued spiritual growth during this series.

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