



**SIMPLY
THE
BLESSED**

**The Jews could really do
NOTHING without first
getting Roman approval**



“Blessed are the Poor in Spirit”
– these are people who
recognized their
Spiritual Poverty



Matthew 5:1-12



**BLESSED ARE THE
POOR IN SPIRIT**



Matthew 5:1-3

**Inwardly these people are poor
(in and of themselves)
they have no ability to please God
(they CAN'T do ANYTHING in
their own strength)**



Romans 3:9-12

**Naturally we're ALL
wicked and sinful
(we're Spiritually Bankrupt)
we ALL need help!**



**“Poor” (in Greek) means
“Begggar” or “Pauper”
someone who is totally destitute
in their personal righteousness
before a perfect and Holy God**



**God's NOT looking for us
to fix our brokenness
(we CAN'T)**



**Jesus is teaching if you are
Poor in Spirit it is
actually a good thing
(it's something to delight over)**



**The first step to receiving
the help and rescue is to
acknowledge our
Spiritual Bankruptcy**



Isaiah 64:6-7

**Our best is the
MOST disgusting filth
that you can possibly imagine**



Romans 5:6-11

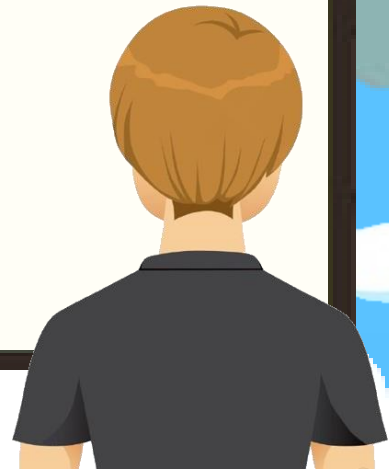
The beautiful blessing that comes from this brokenness is because of Jesus, NONE of us have to remain broken



**The religious leaders of
Jesus' day struggled greatly
with admitting they were
sinners in need of saving**



**This is why Jesus
so often confronted
the Pharisees over
being hypocrites**



**The Pharisees FAILED to
live up to the religious
standards, which they
instructed others to live by**



**It is through Christ that the
naturally Poor in Spirit gain
access to an eternity as citizens
and heirs of the Kingdom**



SO WHAT?

