

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE CHURCH (IBC) LINZ

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...then you shall know the truth and the truth will set you free. Jn.8:32

SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTLINE

18:01:15

Theme: BLESSEDNESS OF THOSE WALKING IN THE SPIRIT

Memory Verse: *Galatians 5:16-18* “*This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusted against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.*”

Texts: Romans 8:1-9, Mathew 16:16-17

Jesus isolated Peter for blessing in our lesson today “Blessed art thou, Simon Basr-jona”. Every believer should earnestly covet this blessing! It is neither common nor cheap. Jesus Himself pronounced this blessing and this is significant. Jesus had earlier in this same book of Mathew, in the Sermon on the Mount identified those who qualify for this type of blessing. In Mathew 5:3-11 peculiar attributes of the blessed are identified namely: poor in the spirit, mournful, hungry and thirst for righteousness, purity of heart, peacemaking, and suffering persecution.

The blessedness to Peter in answering positively directly implied that the confession was not a carnal, sensual or presumptuous outburst. It was inspired by the spirit of God and an indication of walking in the spirit. Here, Peter stood out as mindful of spiritual things. “For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh, but they that are after the spirit the things of the spirit.” Your confession is a reflection of the condition of your heart.

The religious Pharisees revealed their spiritual destitution by their confessions. Instead of blessings they had “woes” from the lips of Jesus Christ. Christians are admonished to walk in the spirit so that the blessedness of Christ can be theirs (Psalm 1:1-3). The pronounced blessing upon Peter is a package amplified in Mathew 5:3-11. All true believers should walk in the spirit and manifest the kingdom’s blessings.