

**Discovering and Applying God's
Word to My Life**

**A Love Letter
Written in Red**

Matthew 5:1-12

I have grown to love Hillside believers because:

You acknowledge your spiritual need. (vs. 3)

Jesus said-Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

>God will give His blessing to those who acknowledge their spiritual need.<

You grieve because of the evil in the world.
(vs. 4)

Jesus said-Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

>God will strengthen you in the present by forgiving your sins and providing the gift of the Comforter.<

You are humble, gentle and submissive to
God. (vs. 5)

*Jesus said-Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit
the earth.*

>God will ble^ss you with all of His promises. Christ's
way is the best way, here and now, as well as in the
future.<

You earnestly desire all that God offers and fervently long to see right prevail. (vs. 6)

Jesus said-Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

>God will satisfy your longings.<

You show kindness and forgiveness to the undeserving as God has shown you. (vs. 7)

Jesus said-Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

>God will always extend His mercy to you and usually people will too.<

You have an inward genuineness and purity of heart, visible through loving deeds. (vs. 8)

Jesus said-Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

>God will bestow His sanctifying grace upon those who are single minded and marked by holy integrity.

“He whose soul is not delivered from all sin, through the blood of the covenant, can have no scriptural hope of ever being with God”

-Adam Clark

You are peaceful and actively working to reconcile alienated people. (vs. 9)

Jesus said-Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

>God will transform you into His likeness, becoming His child, maturing in attitude, action and character so that you may live in peace.<

You are learning, growing and maturing
from trials and hardships (vss 10-12)

Jesus said-Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11. "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.

12. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

> God will *enrich* your life here and *reward* you in heaven.