

THE EIGHT BEATITUDES: - - - Continued:

Which are the Eight Beatitudes?

The Eight Beatitudes are:

(6) Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God.

Only those who are not in habitual sin are clean of heart, and possess virtue. They will be rewarded with the vision of God in heaven; and even on earth by the great light given them.

There are several degrees of purity of heart: to the

- (a) first degree belong those who are free from mortal sin.
- (b) to the second belong those who are free from deliberate venial sin and all affection for sin;
- (c) to the third degree belong those who are free from the least ill-regulated affection;
- (d) to the fourth degree belong those who are free from the almost imperceptible stains that delay a soul's entrance into God's home;
- (e) to the fifth degree belong those Christians of such purity of life and thought, of such perfection of zeal and intention, that they habitually live for God alone, that they habitually live for God alone, that they are perfectly united with Him, so that when they close their eyes in death they will fly straight into the Heart of God.

(7) Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.

Men who love peace and preserve it in themselves and among others are beloved by God.

We should also try to reconcile those who are not on good terms with each other.

Peace amongst Traditionalist People is a virtue that must be fostered no matter what the cost. How can traditionalist people expect to be called "CHILDREN OF GOD" when peace is so foreign to them???????

(8) Blessed are they who suffer persecution for justice' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Those are blessed who suffer for Christ, religion, or some Christian virtue. They will receive an eternal reward.

Tho who faithfully observe the entire law of God and defend the cause of His Church, procure His glory and save souls. In this world those who are active in preserving the rights of the Church are often ridiculed and persecuted; they will be especially blessed.