



Raquette Lake Chapel Sunday Blast

February 16, 2025

“The Beatitudes: Meekness, Matthew 5:5”

“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.” (NKJV)

“God blesses those who are humble, for they will inherit the whole earth.” (NLT)

Meekness is often misunderstood. In today’s world, being meek is sometimes equated with being weak, passive, or unwilling to stand up for oneself. But the Biblical meaning is quite different. To be meek is to be humble and unassuming, not seeking power or dominance but choosing patience and gentleness instead. The opposite of meekness—being overbearing, aggressive, or self-serving—may bring temporary success, but Jesus tells us that it is the meek who will inherit the earth. Meekness is not weakness. It’s strength under control. A meek person is gentle, patient, and willing to submit to God’s will, even when it’s difficult.

What does it mean to “inherit the earth”? Typically, an inheritance comes when someone or something passes away. So, what must die for this promise to come true? Maybe it is our self-centered way of life that prioritizes power over compassion, control over service. Right now, much of the world is ruled by those who seek their own gain—worldly powers that thrive on wealth and influence. But Jesus introduced a different kind of kingdom, one where humility and service to God and others reign.



How does this apply to us in 2025? If we are to take part in this inheritance, we must live differently. We take ownership of our inheritance—not through force, but through actions that reflect Jesus: advocating for justice, caring for the vulnerable, and choosing love over division. And above all, we must have a deep trust in God.

The meek do not seize control; they build something new. Jesus began the work, and it is our task to continue it. Inheriting the earth is not about taking possession, but about reshaping it in the image of God’s kingdom—one act of grace at a time. When we imitate Jesus’ meekness, we create an environment, “inherit the earth,” a place where people feel safe to ask questions, are welcomed, and are unhindered encountering the truth of the gospel.

– God’s Peace, Vance

Prayer box: let us pray for the souls of our departed friends and family members and those who mourn for them. Let us pray for comfort and healing for Connie, Diane M., Patti, Holland, Steve, John H., Debbie, Brenda, John P., Lynn and Maggie. Lord, hear our prayers!