

# Hungering & Thirsting for Righteousness

Matthew 5:6  
(series #17)

**Introduction:** the path of blessedness and happiness

## **I. The Aspects of Righteousness in View**

- A. We long for positional righteousness
- B. We long for practical righteousness

## **II. The Positional Righteousness - Phil. 3:4-9**

- A. Salvation is not by Rite - "circumcised the 8th day"
- B. Salvation is not by Race - "of the stock of Israel"
- C. Salvation is not by Rank - "of the tribe of Benjamin"
- D. Salvation is not by Rituals - "Hebrew of the Hebrews"
- E. Salvation is not by Religion - "a Pharisee"
- F. Salvation is not Reward for Sincerity - "persecuting..."
- G. Salvation is not by Righteous Deeds - "blameless"

## **III. The Practical Righteousness - Phil. 3:10-14**

- A. Psalm 42:1-2a; Psalm 63:1-8
- B. Romans 7:15, 24

## **IV. The Promise to be Filled**

- A. Righteousness imputed in justification  
- Positional righteousness
- B. Righteousness imparted in sanctification  
- Practical righteousness
- C. Righteousness completed in glorification  
- Perfected righteousness

**Concluding application:** Do you hunger and thirst?