

## to BE... or NOT...

### Part 4

***Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.*** **Matthew 5:6 (NIV)**

***“Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won’t collapse because it is built on bedrock. But anyone who hears my teaching and doesn’t obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash.”*** **Matthew 7:24-27 (NLT)**

***Because of God’s grace to me, I have laid the foundation like an expert builder. Now others are building on it. But whoever is building on this foundation must be very careful. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one we already have—Jesus Christ.*** **1 Corinthians 3:10-11 (NLT)**

***Stop deceiving yourselves. If you think you are wise by this world’s standards, you need to become a fool to be truly wise.*** **1 Corinthians 3:18 (NLT)**

***Taste and see that the Lord is good.*** **Psalms 34:8 (NLT)**

***As the deer longs for streams of water, so I long for you, O God. I thirst for God, the living God. When can I go and stand before him?*** **Psalms 42:1-2 (NLT)**

***O God, you are my God; I earnestly search for you. My soul thirsts for you; my whole body longs for you in this parched and weary land where there is no water.*** **Psalms 63:1 (NLT)**

***Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.*** **1 Peter 2:2-3 (NIV)**

***But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.*** **Matthew 6:33 (NIV)**

***“But I warn you—unless your righteousness is better than the righteousness of the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven!*** **Matthew 5:20 (NLT)**

What I'm getting at, friends, is that you should simply keep on doing what you've done from the beginning. When I was living among you, you lived **in responsive obedience**. Now that I'm separated from you, keep it up. **Better yet, redouble your efforts. Be energetic in your life of salvation.** reverent and sensitive before God. That energy is **God's energy**, an energy deep within you, **God himself willing and working** at what will give him the most pleasure.

**Philippians 2:12-13 (MSG)**

God made him who had no sin to be sin **for us**, so that **in him** we might become the **righteousness of God**. **2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV)**

***“He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.”*** **1 Peter 2:24 (NIV)**