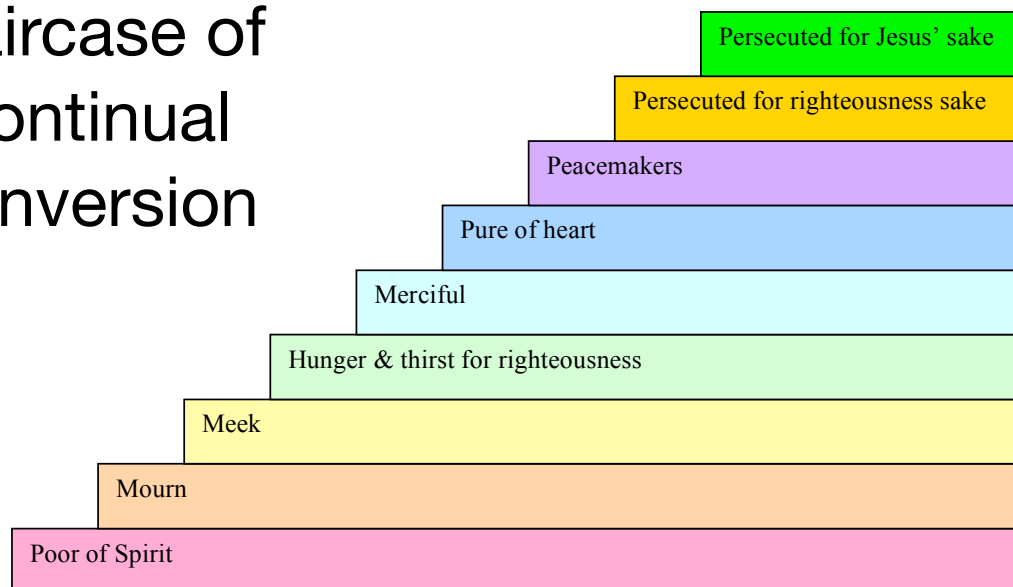


# Staircase of Continual Conversion



Step 1: Detachment from the world; choosing attachment to Jesus Christ.

- > Leads to crisis/choice: “mourn” loss of attachments & realization of sinfulness.
- > Reward: theirs is the kingdom of heaven (membership in the Family).

Step 2: Detachment from sin; choosing obedience to Jesus Christ.

- > Leads to crisis/choice: “pride”
- > Reward: comfort (inner affirmation).

Step 3: Detachment from self: choosing humility, to be like Jesus.

- > Leads to crisis/choice: hunger & thirst for attention!
- > Reward: shall inherit the earth (God will provide all needs).

Step 4: Desire to be righteous before God the Father

- > Leads to crisis/choice: one must love and forgive.
- > Reward: will be satisfied (will be changed by grace).

Step 5: Obedience to righteousness: love and forgive.

- > Leads to crisis/choice: bitterness for justice
- > Reward: shall obtain mercy (forgiven as we forgive)

Step 6: Purification of the heart: let go of bitterness.

- > Leads to crisis/choice: isolation
- > Reward: shall see God (contemplation).

Step 7: Being Christ in the world.

- > Leads to crisis/choice: personal rejection, persecution for being “holy”
- > Reward: shall be called sons of God (those who know will see).

Step 8: Acceptance / offering up of this persecution

- > Leads to crisis/choice: rejection of the entire process & discipleship.
- > Reward: theirs is the kingdom of God (this is what membership entails in this world)

Step 9: Acceptance / offering up of this persecution

- > Leads to crisis/choice: loneliness.
- > Reward: great in heaven (eternity; union with Christ).