

SERMON NOTES

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY
Week Eight

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Sunday, October 22, 2022

A Seven-Fold Description of a Godly Life

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2. To mourn over my own sins, seeing their cost so that I move beyond feeling sorry to a place where I actually _____.
3. To meekly submit to the will of God, whatever _____.
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6. Out of this life will come _____ of heart. Moving beyond the spiritual stagnation of doublemindedness.
7. Out of this life will come a peaceable _____. Peace in your own heart that makes it possible for you to be a peacemaker in this troubled world.

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