

Peacemakers

The Beatitudes

“And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.” Matthew 5:1-12

The Peacemakers

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.” (vs. 9)

“Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ” (Romans 5:1).

“Having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace.” (Ephesians 6:15).

“...And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!” (Luke 2:14).

1. A peacemaker is a witness – a minister of reconciliation.
2. Witnessing doesn’t make you a son of God, but it makes it known you are a son of God.
3. Peacemakers bring the message of reconciliation.
4. Peacemakers are nearly the last in the list of beatitudes:

- a. Witnessing is for the mature – those who know some scripture – can answer questions for the skeptics.
- b. Children do not have babies. Adults have babies (2 Corinthians 5:19-20).
5. Jesus was a peacemaker, preaching the message of reconciliation.
6. Reconciliation is the making of peace between two warring parties.

Peace is Our Message

“For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near.” Ephesians 2:14-17

1. Faith in God is the only place we have true peace in life.
2. Peace was the message of the angels at Jesus’ birth (Luke 2:14).
3. Peace cannot be prayed or asked for but is a result of doing something right.
 - a. Faith in Jesus.
 - b. Living by scriptural obedience.

Our Message

1. We are to tell man the war is over. Peace has been secured.
2. Man is fighting a useless battle against God.
3. God has been reconciled to man.
4. Man needs to be reconciled to God.

“How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who proclaims peace, who brings glad tidings of good things, who proclaims salvation, who says to Zion,

“Your God reigns!” (Isaiah 52:7)