

# "Blessed Are The Peacemakers"

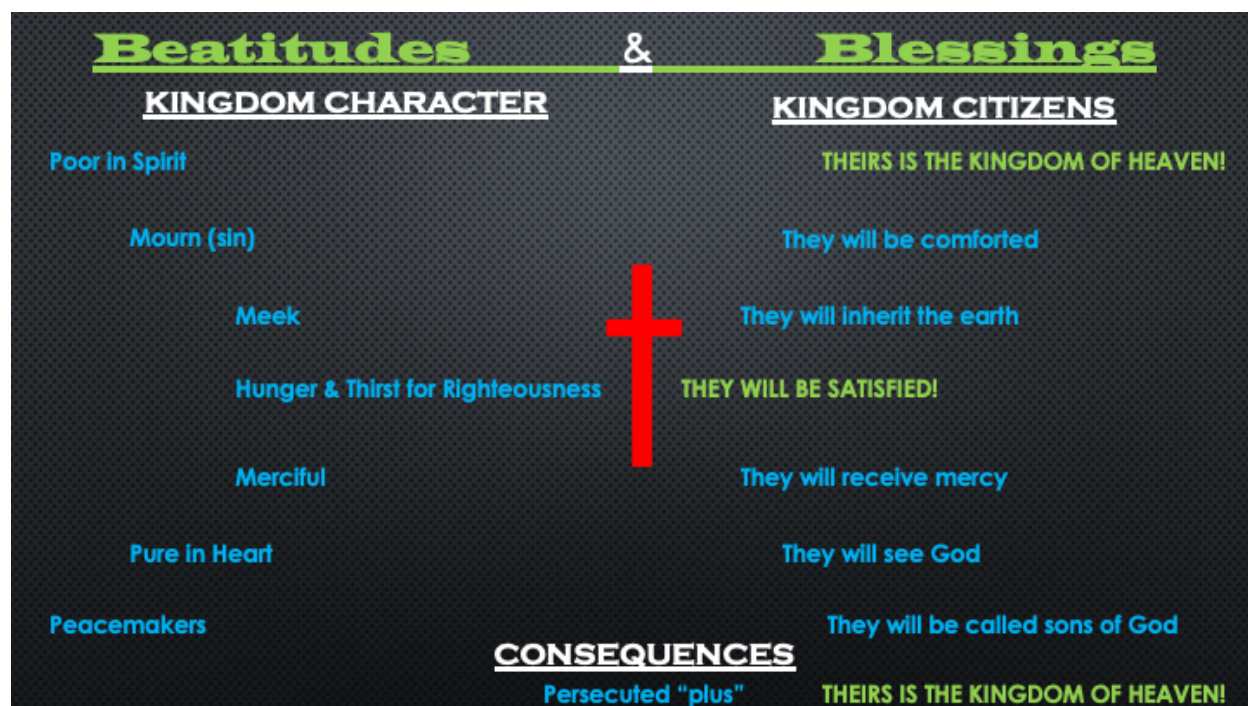
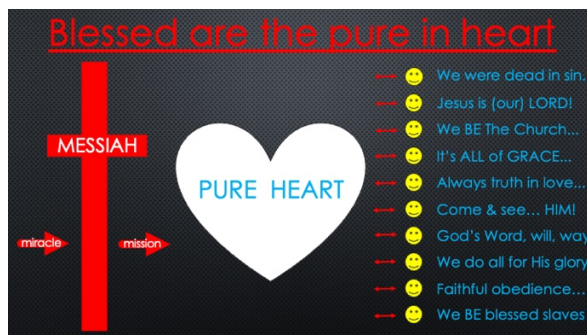
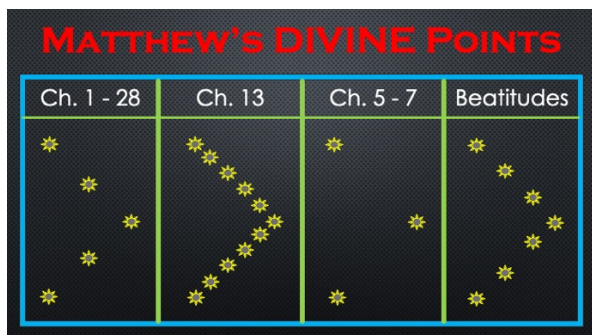
Matthew 5:9

February 2, 2025

**INTRO:** What is the most Christ-like thing you can do?  
(Answer: **BE** a peace-maker!)

## PRAYER

**CONTEXT:** Series, Sequence, **Shock**, Structure, Security



**BIG IDEA:** Christ's peace-making Christians (& Church) are blessed to BE His adopted, bridge-building blessings.



**PREVIEW:**

We will take 2 laps...



- |    |                |                   |
|----|----------------|-------------------|
| 1. | God's BLESSED  | A. God's BLESSED  |
| 2. | God's BLESSING | B. God's BLESSING |
| 3. | God's BUILDING | C. God's BUILDING |

**TEXT:**

Matthew 5:9

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

**T/S:**

Before we jump into this Jesus-promised blessing, let's dig into a Jesus-stated clarification...

(What about Jesus saying He did not come to bring peace?)

**VIDEO:** *CONTRAST Peacemakers "1"*

(You wouldn't make a truce with cancer nor just try to wait it out...)

Don't just take this in hypothetically, philosophically, academically... or even biblically...

**PLEASE... take it to heart missionally & PERSONALLY!**

**VIDEO:** *CONTRAST Peacemakers "2"*

## I. **TIP** of the **ICEBERG**

### a. God's **BLESSED**

***Blessed are the peacemakers...***

*(Let's dig into the roots of peace-making...)  
(We need a baseline for what peace IS & is NOT...)*

**VIDEO:** *CONTRAST Peacemakers "3"*

*(To grasp the truth about this blessing, we need to begin with the truth about biblical peace and & peace-making...)*

#### 1. **Blessed**

- a. Divinely gifted with situational glee
- b. Inner smiles that go for miles...
- c. Overflowing & unconquerable joy
- d. In the relational sweet spot w/ God!

2. **Are** = declarative statement of FACT...
3. **The peacemakers**
  - a. Purity in Righteous, Merciful, **Peace**
  - b. **Peace-able** (the agreeable unifiers)
  - c. The **Peace-full** (noun noting a status)
    - i. Full of the **PERSON** that IS *Peace*
    - ii. Full of the **PURPOSES** of *Peace*
    - iii. Full of the **PRIORITIES** of *Peace*
    - iv. Full of the **PROMISES** of *Peace*
    - v. Full of the **POWER** of *Peace*

## b. God's **BLESSING**

***for they shall be called sons of God.***

The ABC's of the TIP of this iceberg of blessing...

### 1. **A: Adopted**

***“...for they...”***

- i. Another emphatic “they”
- ii. They and ONLY they...
- iii. Affirms the adopted family

*(Again, true blessing & peace req. true family!)*  
*(AND... don't settle for any less blessing...)*

**VIDEO:** *CONTRAST Peacemakers “4”*

*(Part of the blessing of BEing an adopted peacemaker is you become Romans 8:37!)*

*(Again, one of the greatest aspects of the adoption blessing is that we get-to be used of God to find & grow His yet lost, soon to be found children.)*

## 2. **B: Become**

***“...shall be called...”***

- i. See forward, future emphasis...
- ii. Declared today, definitive later...
- iii. We'll be called what we become!

## 3. **C: Christians**

***“...sons of God.”***

- i. Children of God are Christians!
- ii. When God the Father calls you His son/daughter, you're HIS!
- iii. There are sadly, tragically, many who do/will call Jesus Lord, who He does not call children of God.
  - **Luke 6:46 & John 3:36**
  - **Matthew 7:21-23**

## c. **God's BUILDING**

1. The makers of peace are making peace.
2. God is building His witness to peace.
3. Christ is coming to His crescendo...

## II. BULK of the ICEBERG

### a. God's BLESSED

*Blessed are the peacemakers...*

**Key exegetical observation:** Notice the actual message  
*"blessed are the peace-makers,"* NOT the peaceable...  
*THIS blessing is with those who "make" eternal-peace.*

EVERY Christian...  
EVERY family member is called to BE a peacemaker.

➤ **BEing the Church is BEing peacemakers.**

## **By CONTRAST**

Christ's peace-filled righteousness unifies & unites...  
while sin's deceitful wrongness divides & destroys.

*Pretending to be the Church is pretending to be peacemakers.*

***BEing fake/false church is being fake/false peacemakers.***

- *Most of these are delusional, idol-addicted goats.*
- *Some of these are deceitful & destructive wolves*

**Peacemakers are blessed... peace-breakers are cursed!**

*All adversaries of biblical peace are missional enemies of God...*

*A house divided against itself cannot stand...*

***Thus, any & all divisive, anti-peace dividers are attacking God's purity & His supernaturally unified family.***

**THE DESTRUCTION-SEEKING DEVIL  
IS HIDING IN ALL DECEITFUL DIVIDING...**

**THESE blessed peacemakers:**

- Overcome evil with good.
- ***Share/explain the biblical blueprint for peace and then help people to see & hit the bullseye of peace which is Christ & Christ-likeness.***
- Are called sons of God because they look, love, & live like The Son of God.
- ***Are willing to die so that others may live...***
- Carry their cross so that others can see Christ's cross.
- ***Do not prioritize peace with the world, the flesh, or the devil... No! Biblical peacemakers prioritize making & building missional peace with Almighty God... as defined & described by His Word, will, and ways.***

- Have a missional 'no matter what' passion & commitment to God's righteous peace.
- ***Peacemakers are root-waterers, soil-fertilizers, and fruit inspectors...***

(Let's unpack the fuller understanding of what it means to BE a peacemaker... a peace-messenger & missionary...)

(Authenticity is EVERYTHING! Authenticity, by definition, will include, Truth, Love, Grace, Mercy, Righteousness, Purity of Heart, and a Passion for Peace-making).

**VIDEO:** *CONTRAST Peacemakers "5"*

(Peace-making is BRIDGE-building!)

(Peace-making is an empathetic exercise...)

(Peace-making is Bread of life sharing!)

- Peace-makers are, by definition, those who stand in the gap between problems & peace...
- Peacemakers are placed by God between lost people & their lack of Peace.
- Peace-makers reduce sin's agitation & increase Christ's illumination!
- Peacemakers persevere in attitude & action.

**Peacemakers are:**

1. Biblical-bridges & Missional-guides
2. **Spiritual-family... brothers & sisters**
3. The Almighty's Aroma & Army
4. **His Saved-Salt & Loving-Lights**
5. His Proclaimers... & Truth-in-Love-ers
6. **His Evangelists & Disciplers**
7. His Sent-Slaves & Sacrificial-Servers
8. **His Miraculous Missionaries & Multipliers**
9. His Worship-Witnesses & Ambassadors
10. **His Christ-like Christians & Church**

## b. God's **BLESSING**

*for they shall be called sons of God.*

The ABC's of the TIP of this iceberg of blessing...

- A = Ambassadors
- B = Builders (building (verb))
- C = Christ-like Church

- Per God's Word and evaluation, the TRUE peacemakers shall be blessed to be called & validated as the true adoptees of Almighty God.
- Their proof & blessing is their fruit & passion.

## c. God's BUILDING

1. Our Faith
2. His Family
3. THE Kingdom

### PEACEMAKER'S 12 ESSENTIALS FOR PEACE-MAKING

- Peace-gracing & Peace-truthing...
  - Peace-knowing & Peace-loving...
  - Peace-defining & Peace-understanding...
  - Peace-believing & Peace-trusting...
  - Peace-modeling & Peace-sharing...
  - Peace-championing & Peace-protecting...
- 
- Peacemakers begin with gracious-repentance to receive peace vertically... and follow it up with bold-humility to build/share peace horizontally.
  - Peacemaking builds with hard realities on both sides... **wicked evil on one side...** and cross-carrying on the other...
  - Missional peace-making can only build on biblical purity of heart, & merciful righteousness.
  - **Moreover...**

Sometimes, the only way to peace... is thru war. -JDP

## **BIBLICAL & MISSIONAL PEACEMAKERS ARE WARRIORS.**

(EPHESIANS 6:10-20; 2 TIMOTHY 2:3-4 & 4:7)

- JDP

- Peacemakers are ambassadors for Christ who defend peace... (2 Corinthians 5:17-21)

Peacemakers will, at times, raise holy hell... not to have fun with it... but to fix it. By “raising holy hell,” what I mean is we will make hell & its hellions stand up in the light & fight...

Like Jesus cleansing the Temple, His peacemakers will display righteous anger, exert pious power, and compassionately confront corruption.

- Peacemakers are righteous-ministers of divine-reconciliation... (2 Corinthians 5:17-21)

(Peacemaking is our MISSION... it summarizes SO much...)

**VIDEO:** *CONTRAST Peacemakers “6”*

(I pray you can see how God has been fulfilling that dream.)  
(17 years later... we're so BLESSED as devoted peacemakers!)  
(Today, we are HISbridge Global - a true Acts 1:8 Family...)  
(Local, Regional, Global - ALL by His grace & all for His glory!)  
(MD, VT, NC, GA, IN, CO... China, Uganda, India, Kenya, Congo)

**REVIEW:** **PEACE-MAKERS ARE SIN-HATERS!** - JDP

Christ's peace-making Christians (& Church)  
are blessed to BE His adopted,  
bridge-building blessings.

## **CLOSE:**

Christ & His cross are the epitome, the Standard for peace-making... for BEing The Bridge between sinful humanity & peace with God.... Thus, the true sons of God will be those whose lives seek & serve the same way.

*In walking His narrow way TO the cross, Jesus Christ made the good news of peace available between humanity & God... For our part, by walking the narrow way OF Christ's cross, Christian peacemakers are called to hand-deliver, correctly-explain, & personally-authenticate The Gospel's invitation.*

**IN TERMS OF CHRISTIAN CHARACTER, THIS BEATITUDE MOST RESEMBLES CHRIST... MAY WE BE HIS PASSIONATE PEACEMAKERS!**

# **PRAYER**

## **WORSHIP:**

*Jesus Paid It All & You Paid It All*