

# **The Sermon on the Mount:**

## *Blessed Are the Peacemakers*

Text: *Matthew 5:9*

### **I. Introduction**

Two things account for the lack of peace in the earth:

1. The Wickedness of \_\_\_\_\_
2. The Disobedience of \_\_\_\_\_

### **II. The Importance of Peace**

Four hundred direct references to peace in Scripture and many more indirect references

Jesus instructs His people in various ways to apply the value of peacemaking and peacekeeping in their lives

### **III. Where Peace Comes From**

The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

### **IV. How Peace Comes**

- a. Because of the \_\_\_\_\_ that Satan encourages, humanity is \_\_\_\_\_ with God
- b. Because of sinfulness in the human heart, humanity is at odds with \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Because of \_\_\_\_\_, redeemed individuals have \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_
  - i. The God of peace pursued peace with wicked humanity
  - ii. *Col. 1:19-20*
- d. Through \_\_\_\_\_, peace with others is possible
  - i. Christ outlines righteousness as including:
    1. Not seeking revenge (*Matt. 5-6*)

2. Going extra mile for people who don't deserve it
  3. Settling disputes at the lowest level
  4. Treating people well
  5. Quelling disputes before worshipping God
- e. Jesus is not referring to the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, He is referring to the presence of \_\_\_\_\_

## **V. Conclusion**

- a. Who is a peacemaker?
  - i. One who has made peace with God
  - ii. One who leads others to have peace with God
  - iii. The peacemaker helps others make peace with others
- b. The wise don't perpetuate strife through selfishness, but produce peace by their humility
- c. Peacemakers have the privilege of being called \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Peacemakers are not contentious, but contend for the faith
- e. Peacemakers can have disagreements with others, without being disagreeable
- f. Peacemakers confront others with truth without being confrontational

## **Answer Key:**

### **Introduction**

- i.       **The Wickedness of SATAN**
- ii.       **The Disobedience of MAN**

### **The Importance of Peace**

### **Where Peace Comes From**

The **GOD** of **PEACE**

### **How Peace Comes**

- a. Because of the **SIN** that Satan encourages, humanity is **AT ODDS** with God
- b. Because of sinfulness in the human heart, humanity is at odds with **ONE ANOTHER**
- c. Because of **CHRIST**, redeemed individuals have **PEACE** with **GOD**
- d. Through **RIGHTEOUSNESS**, peace with others is possible
- e. Jesus is not referring to the **ABSENCE** of **STRIFE**, He is referring to the presence of **RIGHTEOUSNESS**

### **Conclusion**

Peacemakers have the privilege of being called **SONS** of **GOD**