

# The Blessed Life

## A Study of the Beatitudes

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**Message Title: Peacemakers**

**Message Text: Matthew 5:9**

### Introduction:

Mankind deeply desires and seeks after peace. According to the Personal Journal, only eight percent of the time since the beginning of recorded history has the world been entirely at peace. In over 3,500 years, only 286 have been warless and 8,000 treaties have been broken during that time. The desire for peace in the hearts of man is intense. It will be what causes the world to accept the empty promises of the anti-christ to bring about peace in the world. In today's beatitude, Christ challenges His disciples to strive to be peacemakers. His challenge is just as relevant to us today!

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## 1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of a Peacemaker

### A. One Who \_\_\_\_\_ Peace

*Matthew 5:9 Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.*

**DEFINITION—PEACEMAKER:** a mediator who tries to bring about harmonious relations (between two opposing parties); one who creates peace.

**QUOTE:** The Lord is not speaking about people with a peaceful disposition or those who love peace. He is referring to those who actively intervene to make peace. The natural approach is to watch strife from the sidelines. —BBC

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## B. One Who Has \_\_\_\_\_

*Jeremiah 8:11 ...Peace, peace; when there is no peace.*

*Isaiah 57:21 There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.*

*Romans 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:*

*Ephesians 2:14 For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;*

NOTE: Being born again \_\_\_\_\_ you to be a peacemaker.

## C. One Who \_\_\_\_\_ Peace

*Galatians 5:16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.*

*See Galatians 5:19-21*

*Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith...*

*Isaiah 26:3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed (yielded/focused) on thee: Because he trusteth in thee.*

NOTE: Being a Spirit-filled believer \_\_\_\_\_ you to be a peacemaker.

# 2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of a Peacemaker

## A. In our \_\_\_\_\_

*Romans 14:19 Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.*

*Ephesians 4:32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.*

## B. In our \_\_\_\_\_

*Philippians 4:2 I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the same mind in the Lord.*

*2 Corinthians 13:11 Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.*

*See Acts 18:19*

**C. In our \_\_\_\_\_**

*Hebrews 12:14 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:*

DEFINITION—FOLLOW: to pursue (activity); to carry out or participate in an activity; strive.

*2 Corinthians 5:20–21 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. 21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*

CAN YOU THINK OF PEOPLE IN YOUR COMMUNITY THAT NEED YOU TO ACT AS A PEACEMAKER?

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*James 3:18 And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.*

### **3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of a Peacemaker**

**A. \_\_\_\_\_ by God**

*Matthew 5:9 Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.*

DEFINITION—BLESSED: characterized by happiness and being highly favored (as by divine grace); joy for those involved; opposite of woe or curse.

*Proverbs 10:22 The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, And he addeth no sorrow with it.*

*John 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.*

## **B. \_\_\_\_\_ by the World**

*Matthew 5:9 Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.*

DEFINITION—CALLED: to be or become designated with a quality or the name of a common noun that reflects a quality.

*Luke 6:35 But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.*

## **Conclusion:**

*Luke 2:14 Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, Good will toward men.*

*Luke 19:38 Saying, Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest.*

*Isaiah 53:5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: The chastisement of our peace was upon him; And with his stripes we are healed.*

