

Life and Ministry of Jesus Christ **SoM, Part 8: Beatitudes, Part 7**

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

The importance of purity

The King is pure, His words are Pure (every word), His works are pure

He makes us pure

This time...Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God

Matt 5:9

v8 Blessed

- happy, oh how happy
- fortunate

peacemakers

- “the peaceable”
- root verb: “to make peace”
- one who actively
 - makes peace
 - brings reconciliation
 - loves as God loves e.g. His enemies (Matt 5:44-45)

NOT one who passively endures/suffers with non-resistance for the sake of
no conflict/contention, just to “keep the peace”

Instead, a bridge-building reconciliation between adversaries

Not cessation of hostilities between adversaries...hate rules

- Presidential candidates
- “I hate you but I will not destroy or hurt you...but I still want to”

A demonstration of God’s redeeming love manifested to us in Jesus Christ...

Love rules

- requires a change of relationship and nature
- “I love you before myself and desire the best for you”

shall

- a promise expected...in the future
- determined or planned...in the future
- will...certainty

be called

- bid to “come forth” (Rev 4:1)...a Divine act
- named...given a new identity (and nature)

the children of God

- sons and daughters
- Family
- relationship vs label

The King is The Peacemaker, reconciling adversaries – holy God and sinful man

Shadow of the Substance to come: the peace offering

- sacrifice
- blood of an innocent, pure life shed, poured out, offered unto God
- making peace

Is 9:6-7a For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of *His* government and peace *there shall be* no end,

Zech 9:9-10 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: He *is* just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass. And I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem, and the battle bow shall be cut off: and He shall speak peace unto the heathen: and His dominion *shall be* from sea *even* to sea, and from the river *even* to the ends of the earth.

Is 53:3-5 He is despised and rejected of men; a Man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were *our* faces from Him; He was despised, and we esteemed Him not. Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. 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.

Luke 23:34 “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”

Col 1:19-20 For it pleased *the Father* that in Him should all fullness dwell; And, having made peace through the blood of His cross, by Him to reconcile all things unto Himself; by Him, *I say*, whether *they be* things in earth, or things in heaven.

The King is The Source of peace

Judges 6:22-24 He declared in the calling of Gideon

Ps 29:11 The LORD will give strength unto His people; the LORD will bless His people with peace.

Is 26:3-4 Thou wilt keep *him* in perfect peace, *whose mind is stayed on thee*: because he trusts in Thee. Trust ye in the LORD forever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH *is* everlasting strength:

Hosea 3 redeeming love and reconciliation of Gomer after her adulteries

Jer 29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

Eph 2:1-15

2 Cor 5:17-20 The Father sent His Son the King of kings to make peace

There is no peace without a right relationship with the Prince of Peace...
and Him crucified

The King is God's peace initiative for all mankind...God reached out for man vs man for God

Luke 1:76-79 And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways; To give knowledge of salvation unto His people by the remission of their sins, Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the Dayspring from on high hath visited us, To give light to them that sit in darkness and *in* the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 2:8-14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

John 14:27 God's peace is a gift...a unique gift

John 16:33 Peace is ours in a hostile world

John 20:19-22 with Rom 8:14

Peace comes by the Spirit of God...to receive and give/make peace

Acts 10:34-36 Then Peter opened *his* mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth Him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with Him. The Word which *God* sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (He is Lord of all:)

1 Cor 14:33 For God is not *the author* of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

The King's peace terms: 1 Cor 2:2...ONLY

As the King is peace/The peacemaker, so should be the citizens of the Kingdom...
to whom the peace of God is extended

Having made peace with God...accepting by faith His peace terms,
Having been given the peace of God,
Having experienced the peace of God,

Peacemakers aka children of God are now God's agents/ambassadors of peace in
a hostile world that cries for peace, REAL peace

Rom 5:1-2 with John 1:12

Rom 12:18 live not passively but such that reconciling, redeeming Love governs

Ps 34:14 Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

Ps 119:165 Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.
(grace and mercy vs "thin-skinned"...hard head, soft heart)

Rom 14:15-21 (Law of Love...SoM)

All Paul's letters start with: Grace and...peace

Gal 5:22-23 fruit pleasing to the Father (John 15:8)

Gal 6:14-16 carry your cross...and peace will be upon us

Eph 4:1-3 live Christ-like lives, peace is the uniting principle

Phil 4:6-9 1 Peter 5:6-7

Col 3:12-15 let peace rule your life...choose the peace of God vs agitation of Self

1 Thes 5:13b choose the peace of God vs contention amongst others, esp Body

Heb 12:14-15 pursue peace...allow God to medicate the bitterness within

James 3:17-18 God's ways are peace-full...make peace in His wisdom

Without a change of relationship by accepting God's peace terms...there is no peace

- Is 48:22 there is no peace, says the LORD, unto the wicked
 " wicked" = all who reject God's peace terms
 No matter how "good" they are vs other people"
- Is 59:8 The way of peace they know not...whosoever goes therein shall not know peace.
- Ezk 7:24-25 Wherefore I will bring the worst of the heathen, and they shall possess their houses: I will also make the pomp of the strong to cease; and their holy places shall be defiled. Destruction cometh; and they shall seek peace, and *there shall be* none.

Where there is not genuine peace with God...there is a false peace

- Jer 6:14 They (false prophets) have healed also the hurt *of the daughter* of My people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when *there is* no peace.
- Ezk 13:10 Because, even because they have seduced my people, saying, Peace; and *there was* no peace;
- Note: the deception of Islam: Peace
 truth of Islam: Hate rules, Love does not
- Note: the deception of false, humanistic gospels in Christianity
 There is no genuine peace where Truth has died in the street

1 Thes 5:1-3

God's desire...peace – reconciliation of enemies, a change of relationship, identity, and nature where God's redeeming Love rules

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- Prov 12:20 Deceit *is* in the heart of them that imagine evil: but to the counselors of peace *is* joy.

Is 48:17-18 Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I *am* the Lord thy God which teaches thee to profit, which leads thee by the way *that* thou should go. O that thou had hearkened to my commandments! Then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea:

Is 27:4-5 Fury *is* not in Me: who would set the briers *and* thorns against Me in battle? I would go through them, I would burn them together. Or let him take hold of My strength, *that* he may make peace with Me; *and* he shall make peace with Me.

As we leave here as counselors of peace in a hostile world, making peace as was made with us:

Make peace with God (accept His peace terms) and go make peace, living peaceful lives

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

1 Thes 5:23a the very God of peace sanctify you wholly

Heb 13:20-21 Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that Great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to Whom *be* glory forever and ever. Amen.

Rom 16:20a And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly

Peace be with you...peace with God and the peace of God

If you do not have but are crying for peace with God and/or the peace of God...come forward