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Delight in Being a Peacemaker

Message #8 in the series

IN HIS OWN WORDS

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⁹ God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God. (Matthew 5:9, NLT)

⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. (Matthew 5:9, ESV)

Delight in being a peacemaker because it gives evidence you are a child of the God of Peace. (Danny Akin, *Christ-Centered Exposition: Exalting Jesus in The Sermon on the Mount*, page 12.)

The word “peace” is mentioned nearly _____ times in the Bible. The word “peacemaker” is only mentioned _____. Note that the word is not _____.

Jesus is the _____ as our “Prince of Peace”.

⁶ For a child is born to us,
a son is given to us.

The government will rest on his shoulders.

And he will be called:

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ His government and its peace
will never end.

He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor
David for all eternity.

The passionate commitment of the LORD of Heaven’s Armies
will make this happen! (Isaiah 9:6-7, NLT)

We have the opportunity to become peacemakers because of the _____ we receive from God once we have _____ Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. ²Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God's glory.

³We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. ⁴And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. ⁵And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.

⁶When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. ⁷Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good. ⁸But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. ⁹And since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from God's condemnation. ¹⁰For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of his Son. ¹¹So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God. (Romans 5:1-11, NLT)

We become _____ with God because we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ. He has reconciled or _____ our relationship with Him.

We are called to help make peace between God and man by _____ Christ with everyone around us.

- ***Going into our community and world to share hope. (Last part of FBCD Mission Statement)***

⁸Finally, all of you should be of one mind. Sympathize with each other. Love each other as brothers and sisters. Be tenderhearted, and keep a humble attitude. ⁹Don't repay evil for evil. Don't retaliate with insults when people insult you. Instead, pay them back with a blessing. That is what God has called you to do, and he will grant you his blessing. ¹⁰For the Scriptures say,

“If you want to enjoy life
and see many happy days,
keep your tongue from speaking evil
and your lips from telling lies.

¹¹ Turn away from evil and do good.

Search for peace, and work to maintain it.

¹² The eyes of the LORD watch over those who do right,
and his ears are open to their prayers.

But the LORD turns his face
against those who do evil.”

Suffering for Doing Good

¹³ Now, who will want to harm you if you are eager to do good? ¹⁴ But even if you suffer for doing what is right, God will reward you for it. So don't worry or be afraid of their threats. ¹⁵ Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. ¹⁶ But do this in a gentle and respectful way. Keep your conscience clear. Then if people speak against you, they will be ashamed when they see what a good life you live because you belong to Christ. ¹⁷ Remember, it is better to suffer for doing good, if that is what God wants, than to suffer for doing wrong! (1 Peter 3:8-17, NLT)

Not everyone will respond to our message of peace – just like they didn't respond to Jesus when He was here on earth.

³² “Everyone who acknowledges me publicly here on earth, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. ³³ But everyone who denies me here on earth, I will also deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴ “Don't imagine that I came to bring peace to the earth! I came not to bring peace, but a sword.

³⁵ ‘I have come to set a man against his father,
a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.

³⁶ Your enemies will be right in your own household!’

³⁷ “If you love your father or mother more than you love me, you are not worthy of being mine; or if you love your son or daughter more than me, you are not worthy of being mine. ³⁸ If you refuse to take up your cross and follow me, you are not worthy of being mine. ³⁹ If you cling to your life, you will lose it; but if you give up your life for me, you will find it. (Matthew 10:32-39, NLT)

The reward is that we will be _____ the children of God and live with Him in heaven forever!