

THE BEATITUDES PART III
BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS
Satilla Baptist Church
Sunday AM Service, July 9th 2017
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I. INTRODUCTION

- a. Review of Beatitudes
- b. Today we look at The Peacemakers. Found Between The Pure in Heart and the Persecuted.
 - i. Peacemakers
 - ii. Persecuted for Righteousness Sake

II. THE PROBLEM

- a. Human history has one constant.....War with brief periods of truce in which man rearms for the next conflict.
- b. Conflict in Communities. Murder, violence.
 - i. Protestors in Germany.
 - ii. Rioting, burning, looting in America
- c. Conflict among strangers
 - i. Road Rage
- d. Conflict in Churches
 - i. Church splits and even fights, and even murder among churches.
- e. Conflict in Families.
 - i. Most dangerous call for a Policeman is a domestic dispute.
 - ii. Just this week, wife and mother, arrested in the stabbing death of her husband and 5 children.
- f. What is wrong with us? “Why can’t we all just get along.” “Rodney King”

III. THE SOURCE OF THE PROBLEM

- a. *James 4:1-4 Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members? 2 You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet[a] you do not have because you*

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do not ask. 3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures. 4 Adulterers and[b] adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

- b. Isaiah 48: 22 “There is no peace,” says the Lord, “for the wicked.”*
- c. The Problem is Sin.*
- d. Sin of Nations: Covet land, natural resources, revenge.*
- e. Sin of Communities: Mistreat people, Political and Commercial Corruption, Selfishness*
- f. Sin of Churches:*
 - i. From “The Daily Mail” Vatican police raided a drug-fueled gay sex party at a top priest’s apartment near the city, according to an Italian newspaper report. The apartment’s occupant, who was not named by police, serves as a secretary to Cardinal Francesco Coccopalmerio, a personal adviser to Pope Francis. The apartment belongs to the Vatican’s Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith — the branch that reviews appeals from clergy found guilty of sexual abuse of minors, according to Italian daily Il Fatto Quotidiano, which first published the explosive report. Police raided the apartment in June after neighbors complained of unusual behavior among frequent nighttime visitors. Police arrested the priest and hospitalized him to detox him from the drugs he had ingested, according to the newspaper. He was taken in for questioning, presumably on drugs charges, as gay sex is legal in Vatican City.*
 - ii. Some of the greatest evil happens in the most sacred of places.*
- g. The Problem is Sin*

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IV. THE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM

- a. It is not Appeasement. Some say the path to peace is surrender. There is a false peace that comes with giving up and not fighting for what is right and true. Yet even Jesus himself did not do this. Do you think the Jewish religious leaders and the Romans went to all that trouble to crucify some mealy mouthed, do-gooder, who went around patting everybody on the back telling them everything is going to be okay, just love one another don't worry?
- b. *Matthew 10:34, Do not think that I have come to bring peace on earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and a man's foes will be those of his own household.*
- c. Jesus is warning against a false peace, an appeasement with wickedness.
- d. *Psalms 85:10 Mercy and truth have met together; Righteousness and peace have kissed.*
- e. Where does the Bible talk about becoming a son of God?
 - i. *John 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:*
 - ii. *Galatians 3:26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.*
- f. Paul says in Galatians 4:6, "Since we are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!'" And therefore, as he says in Romans 8:14, "All who are led by the Spirit of God are the sons of God." And being led by the Spirit always includes bearing the fruit of the Spirit. And the fruit of the Spirit is peace!

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- g.* Lord Nelson and French Admiral, “Your Sword first sir”