**Blessed Are The Peacemakers**

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

**NKJV and American Standard both say “Sons of God”**

**Psalms 29:11 “The Lord will give strength unto his people; Jehovah will bless his people with peace.”**

**As is the case most of the time, the Lord’s idea on a particular subject does not always match what the world believes on that subject.**

**John 14: 27 “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.**

**The peace that God has in store for us does not match what the world looks for in peace.**

**Why do people fight for peace? The world fights for peace in order for countries to get along and keep from destroying each other.**

**Why do Christians fight for peace? It is not because they delight in warfare, but that they are trying to establish peace by destroying false teaching throughout the world.**

**The countries of the world tolerate each other to get along with each other.**

**However, we as Christians cannot tolerate the teaching of error, so we must fight constantly to defeat doctrinal error.**

**In Matthew 5:9 the Lord is not talking about world peace but peace in the sense of right relationships among men. It is not merely for those that love peace, but for those who make peace.**

**Some people are always quarrelsome and contentious and always causing trouble. (Doing the work of Satan and they will reap his rewards) They stir up trouble in the church, family, community, and their church.**

**The peacemakers on the other hand, will experience happiness, which comes of sharing in the efforts of God to bring about harmony among all men.**

**Only when one is at peace with God and himself by virtue of his salvation from sin can he experience the peace spoken of in this Beatitude.**

**Once a person becomes a Christian their heart should change which should allow them to be able to influence peace on others by the life they now live.**

**Ephesians 4:3 “Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”**

**WE ARE:**

 **Peacemakers when we love men enough to proclaim the glorious message of salvation through Christ, the Prince of Peace.**

**Peacemakers when we follow in the footsteps of Christ**

**Peacemakers when we refuse to be provoked to evil by other men whose taunts, jeers, and unkind deeds are directed toward us.**

**Peacemakers when our attitudes and behavior toward those around us are guarded so as to avoid unnecessary offenses.**

**Peacemakers when we show an eager willingness to forgive men who sin against us.**

**No one can be called “children of God,” or “Sons of God,” without being able to share this attribute of being a peacemaker.**

**The world may misunderstand where we are coming from. They may ridicule us for trying to be a peacemaker, but the Lord will recognize what we are doing and reward us for that.**

**Matthew 5:43-45 “Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy. (44) But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; (45) That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.”**

**Is there happiness when trying to be a peacemaker?**

**Is there happiness when trying to be a troublemaker?**

**Which person have you been?**

**Which person will you be in the future?**