

## Matthew 5:9

*The Beatitudes: God's Blessing on Jesus' Disciples (Part 6)*

### Blessed are the Peacemakers (v. 9)

- Meaning

- Examples

## Application of Matthew 5:9

1. What is a peacemaker?
  - a. What's the word "peace" mean in this context?
  - b. What's the difference between a peacemaker and a peacekeeper?
2. Consider other verses in the NT teaching or commanding us to be peacemakers e.g. Rom 12:18; 14:19; 2 Cor 13:11; 1 Thess 5:12-13; Heb 12:14; 1 Pet 3:10-12.
3. Thinking about the illustration of a flat tire, what's your normal or natural response to conflict...
  - a) ignore the problem and keep going;
  - b) try applying a temporary or superficial fix;
  - c) replacing the old with new;
  - d) identifying and fixing the problem?
  - a. Is your natural response right or wrong?
  - b. If you respond with unbiblical means, ask God to forgive you and for His help to grow in conflict resolution.
4. Are there people in your life you need to make peace with?
  - a. If so, what steps do you need to take to try and restore peace?
  - b. What questions could you ask yourself as you seek to understand how you may have contributed to the conflict?
5. Are there people in broken relationship that you could act as a peacemaker to help them make peace?
6. If necessary for accountability, ask someone to hold you accountable as you actively try to make peace between yourself and another or between other fighting parties you could try to help.
7. Meditate on the truth that God is the God of peace e.g. Rom 15:33; 2 Cor 13:11; Phil 4:9; 1 Thess 5:23; 2 Thess 3:16; Heb 13:20; cf. Judg 6:24
8. Consider God's example of making peace (e.g. Col 1:19-22; Is 53:5; Eph 2:11-22) and use this truth to pray and thank God for His Son, through whom we now have peace.
  - a. How does God's example encourage and challenge you to be a peacemaker?

Reading this week: Read Matt 5:3-10 each day this week.

## Sermon Notes for Children (or Children at Heart)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

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| <u>Book</u>    | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sermon Main Points</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The B _____:</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>God's B _____ on Jesus' D _____ (Part __)</i></p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Other Bible References:</u></p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> |
| <u>Chapter</u> | <p>Blessed are the P _____ (v. __)</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">- M _____</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">- E _____</p>                                                                          |                                                                                                                               |
| <u>Verses</u>  |                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                               |

### Words you heard during the sermon (tally each time)

| God/Yahweh/<br>Father | Christ/Jesus/Lord | Conflict/<br>Problem | Peace | Peacemaker(s)/<br>Peacemaking | Us |
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What is the message about? \_\_\_\_\_

How can you do this? \_\_\_\_\_

What/who can you pray for? \_\_\_\_\_

Draw a picture related to the message: