

Blessed Are the Peacemakers

- *Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called sons of God. Mt. 5:9*
- *Blessed = What brings honor success, and esteem!*
- Jesus reveals what God honors.
- *Then each one's **praise** will **come from God**. 1Cor. 4:4*
- ***praise is not from men but from God**. Rom. 2:29*
- poor in spirit mourn
- meek hunger / thirst - righteousness
- merciful pure in heart
- peacemakers persecuted for righteousness
- Are we building on the rock ... or on the sand?

Am I a Peacemaker?

- What is a peacemaker?
- Can God praise us for the progress we have made?
- Are we removing the things that keep us from being a peacemaker?
- Are we adding the things that will make us a peacemaker?

Barriers that must be removed

- Desires in our members
- *Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are:
.... enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, Gal 5:19-21*
- *Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members?*

Barriers that Must be Torn Down

- The Tongue
- *See how great a forest a little fire kindles! 6 And **the tongue is a fire**, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and **sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell.** Jas 3:5-7*
- *Where there is no wood, the fire goes out; and where there is no **talebearer**, strife ceases. Pr. 26:20*
- Speaking only those things that make for peace

Words and Emotions

- *Angry words are lightly spoken, Bitt'rest thoughts are rashly stirred*
- *Brightest links of life are broken By a single angry word.*
- *Let all **bitterness and wrath** and **anger and clamor and slander** be put away from you, along with all **malice**. 32 and be ye **kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other**, even as God also in Christ forgave you. Eph 4:31*

Words and Emotions

- *A perverse man scatters abroad strife; And **a whisperer separates chief friends.** Pr. 16:28*
- *He that covers a transgression seeks love; But he that **repeats on a matter separates** chief friends. Pr. 17:9*
- *These six things the Lord hates, 19 A false witness who speaks lies, **And one who sows discord among brethren.** Pr. 6:16-19*

Adding To Become a Peacemaker

- *For “He who would love life and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips from speaking deceit. 11 Let him turn away from evil and do good; **let him seek peace and pursue it.** 1Pet. 3:10-11*
- ***Pursue peace with all** and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: Heb 12:14*
- *My soul has dwelt too long with **one who hates peace.** 7 **I am for peace;** but when I speak, they are for war. Ps 120:6-7*
- *If it is possible, **as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.** Rom 12:18*

World Desperately Needs Peacemakers

- In the home, husbands and wives, parents and children, and brothers and sisters need them.
- In the nation, citizens, co-workers, neighbors friends and fellow drivers need them.
- In the church, preachers, elders, deacons, song leaders, teachers and brethren need them.
- With all the strife, grudges, anger, jealousy, misunderstandings, gossip, fragile relationships need peacemakers. Jesus extolled them.

The Wisdom of a Peacemaker

- *But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then **peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits**, without partiality and without hypocrisy. 18 Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. James 3:17-18*
- *A **soft answer turns away wrath**, But a harsh word stirs up anger. Pr. 15:1*

A Peacemaker Takes the Initiative

- Both parties are responsible to end it as quickly as possible. Whether sin is involved, or just bad feelings, as much as it is within us, we need to be at peace.
- *Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Mt 5:23-24*
- *Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. Mt 18:15*

Emotions of the Peacemaker

- *I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, 2 with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, 3 endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Eph. 4:1-3*
- *And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, 13 and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. Be at peace among yourselves. 1Thes 5:12-13*

Attitudes of treh Peacemaker

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- *Now therefore, it is already an utter failure for you that you go to law against one another. **Why do you not rather accept wrong? Why do you not rather let yourselves be cheated?** 8 No, you yourselves do wrong and cheat, and you do these things to your brethren 1Cor. 6:7-8*

A True Son of God

- *Now the God of peace be with you all. Amen. Rom 15:33*
- *Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1Th 5:23*
- *For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isa 9:6*
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How to be a Peacemaker with God

if you do not **believe** that I am He, you will die in your sins." Jn. 8:24

unless you **repent** you will all likewise perish. Lk. 13:5

if you **confess** with your mouth the Lord Jesus and **believe** in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. Rom. 10:9-10

Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He who **believes** and **is baptized** will be saved; Mk. 16:15-16

Repent, and let every one of you **be baptized** in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins Ats 2:38

If we **confess our sins**, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

