

BLESSED PEACEMAKER

(Matthew 5:9) **"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God"**

INTRODUCTION

The **"blessing"** is for the one who is more than a peace-lover, more than one who hopes for peace, and more than one who wants only peace for himself; it's **"peacemaker,"** and it results in a relationship with God.

1. "PEACE" - What kind of peace are we to make?

The peace of the beatitude is **not** the mere absence of trouble: "cold war," "détente," "silent treatment," agree to disagree.

"Shalom": a greeting wishes you to be free from trouble and wishes you good.

2. THE "PEACE" IN THE BEATITUDE IS OF HEAVENLY ORIGIN

(John 14:27) "My peace I give you; not as the world gives, give I unto you"

(John 16:33) "that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

"Peace" 1) is given by Jesus, 2) the world's peace is not it, 3) it is "in Him," and 4) it does not eliminate tribulation in this world."

3. "PEACE-MAKERS"

1) God is the original Peace-maker: (Romans 5:1) "being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ"

(1 John 2:2) "He Himself is the propitiation (peace-offering) for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world" Note: (Eph. 2:14-17)

2) We must make our peace with God, accepting His offer:

(Isaiah 59:2) "Your iniquities have separated you from your God"
God provided the way and terms for us to have "peace" with Him.

3) We preach that "gospel of peace" to others: (Romans 10:14-15)

"who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things"

4) We also pursue peace with others: (Romans 12:18; Hebrews 12:14)

4. "SHALL BE CALLED SONS ("CHILDREN") OF GOD"

We are called "sons of God" because preaching a "gospel of peace" identifies us with God, and we take on that Godly characteristic.

(Mark 3:17) "sons of thunder" (Acts 4:36) "the son of consolation"

(2 Thessalonians 2:3) "the son of perdition" (John 8:44) "You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do"