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Blessed are the peacemakers

The seventh of Jesus' beatitudes is,

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the sons of God" (Matthew 5:8).

Blessed, truly happy are the peacemakers.

Peace.

Dictionaries tell us peace is the absence of or freedom from noise, conflict, tension, divisions, violence, war. There is far too much proof of this in our world today. But in the Bible there is also a *positive* emphasis to go along with the *absence of* idea. True peace is the state of being whole, sound, harmonious; a state of well-being, of being as it, or being as he or she should be. The Old Testament word *Shalom* is still used as a greeting to say "Hello" or "Goodbye." Behind it is the idea of wishing someone well-being, being as they ought to be.

True peace comes from God. Judges chapter 6 verse 24 tells us, "the LORD is Peace," and Romans chapter 15 verse 33 speaks of God as "the God of peace." True peace is God's gift to believers through Jesus. Colossians chapter 1 verse 20 informs us that believers are reconciled to God through Jesus who "made *peace* through the blood of His cross." Jesus told us, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. Do not let not your hearts be troubled, nor fearful."

Happy are the peacemakers! Happy are those who have received God's peace, who live in and share His peace, wholeness, harmony with others.

"But," some say, "how does it happen?" As a believer, it starts with me, it starts with us. As the apostle Paul instructs, "*Let [allow] the peace of Christ... rule in your hearts*" (Colossians 3:15). Don't let self, sin, Satan dethrone it. God's peace ruling in us is the *default position*, if you will, for believers, for all who are in the Kingdom.

But it is not just internal, not just for ourselves. We are to help others make peace and be at peace with God. 2 Corinthians chapter 5 verse 18 tells us we have been given the ministry of reconciliation, of peacemaking. If you want to be a real peacemaker, tell people about Jesus, point and lead

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As well, help maintain peace within the family of God. Ephesians chapter 4 directs us to be “diligent [that is, to stretch and strain] to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of *peace*” (verse 3). Then too, maintain peace in all our personal relationships. Paul wrote, “If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all people” (Romans 12:18).

Peacemakers will be called sons of God, children of God, now and always. “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.” This should be, will be recognizable *now*! As we evidence Kingdom life, including being a peacemaker, people around us will notice.

A pastor talks about going through a church building expansion project. They placed a large dumpster out of the line of sight from the main road. They thought that was the best place for it. But one neighbor faced it every time he opened his front door. That upset him. He wanted it moved to the front corner of the church property, out of his line of sight. The church had concerns that placing it there might result in other people using it. As the church leaders looked at options with the upset neighbor, one of them said, “This will be okay. We can make this work.” And they did. They moved it because they chose to be peacemakers. In doing that the neighbor could see they were children of God.

You see, this is very practical. It touches our family and community relationships, our school and work situations, it touches all of life.

Question: Do people recognize us as God’s children?

Being a peacemaker brings us the happiness of people seeing that we *are* God’s children.

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