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THE BEATITUDES – A SERIES: PART 9 OF 11

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LAST WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE:

“and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.”

Romans 8:27 NASV



THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE:

**“Depart from evil, and do good;
Seek peace, and pursue it.”**

Psalms 34:14 NASV

- Instructions:
 - Read aloud as a group
 - Repeat as a group



LET'S PRACTICE BLESSING EACH OTHER!
FIND A PARTNER AND BLESS THEM WITH:

**THE LORD BLESS YOU,
AND KEEP YOU;
THE LORD MAKE HIS FACE
SHINE ON YOU,
AND BE GRACIOUS TO YOU;
THE LORD LIFT UP HIS
COURTENANCE ON YOU,
AND GIVE YOU PEACE.**

NUMBERS 6:24-26



PART 9 – THE PEACEMAKERS

- The Text For This Series: **Matthew 4:23-5:12**

**“Blessed are the peacemakers,
For they shall be called
sons of God.”**



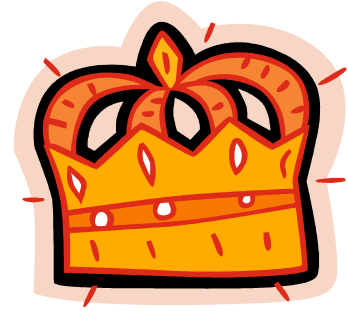
PRINCE OF PEACE

- Isaiah 9:1-7 foretells the birth of Jesus, the Christ, the Messiah. In verse 6 He is described as the

Prince of Peace!

“For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, **Prince of Peace.**”

- It follows then, that it is only rightful (righteous) that His followers, the citizens of His kingdom (the church), are active **Peace-Makers.**



3 WAYS GOD'S CHILDREN (THE CHURCH) CAN SERVE AS PEACE-MAKERS:

- Through **Spiritual Counseling or Advising** – they can bring peace to the hearts of the troubled.
- Through **Mediation or Negotiation** – they can bring peace to their fellow man who are at strife between or among themselves.
- Through **Preaching or Teaching God's Word** – to bring about reconciliation between God and man. This is the greatest achievement of a peace-maker.



3 BIBLICAL PROCEDURES FOR PEACE-MAKING:

- **Conceal the Transgressions of Others.**

Proverbs 11:13 – “He who goes about as a tale-bearer reveals secrets, But he who is *trustworthy conceals* a matter.”

- **Seek a Personal Interview (discussion).**

Galatians 6:1 – “Brethren, even if a man is caught in any trespass, *you who are spiritual*, restore such a one in *a spirit of gentleness*; each one looking to yourself, lest you too be tempted.” Also see **Matthew 18:15**.

- **Save Face of the Wrongdoer.**

2 Timothy 2:22-26 – “Now flee from youthful lusts, and *pursue* righteousness, faith, love and *peace*, with those who call on the Lord from a *pure heart*. But refuse foolish and ignorant speculations, knowing that they produce quarrels. And the Lord’s bond-servant *must not be quarrelsome*, but *be kind* to all, able to teach, patient when wronged, with *gentleness correcting* those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will.”



AS WE ARE TO BE PEACE-MAKERS, WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT PEACE?

○ **God is the Author of Peace.**

- I Corinthians 14:33; Psalms 147:14; Isaiah 45:7

○ **God Bestows Peace to Those Who:**

- Endure God's Chastisements. Job 5:17, 23-24
- Obey God. Leviticus 26:6
- Please God. Proverbs 16:7; Luke 2:14

○ **Spiritual Peace Accompanies:**

- An Acquaintance with God. Job 22:21
- Faith. Romans 15:13
- Love of God's Law. Psalms 119:165
- Righteousness. Isaiah 32:17
- Spiritual-mindedness. Romans 8:6



SAINTS (MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH) SHOULD:

- **Cultivate Peace.**

Psalms 120:7

- **Endeavor to Have Peace With All Men.**

Romans 12:18; Hebrews 12:14

- **Follow Peace.**

2 Timothy 2:22

- **Follow (Pursue) the Things Which Make for Peace.**

Romans 14:19

- **Have Peace With Each Other.**

Mark 9:50;

1 Thessalonians 5:13

- **Live in Peace.**

2 Corinthians 13:11

- **Love Peace.**

Zechariah 8:19

- **Seek Peace.**

Psalms 34:14, with
1 Peter 3:11

- **Speak Peace.**

Esther 10:3

And, as our Memory Verse this week reminds us, we are to “Pursue Peace”

Psalms 34:14 NASV



○ **Spiritual Peace of the Saints is:**

- **Abundant.**
Psalms 72:7;
Jeremiah 33:6
- **Consummated After Death.**
Isaiah 57:1-2
- **Great.**
Psalms 119:165;
Is 54:13
- **Passes All Understanding.**
Philippians 4:7



○ **And, Saints:**

- **Are Blessed With Peace.**
Psalms 29:11
- **Die in Peace.** Psalms 37:37;
Luke 2:29
- **Enjoy Peace.**
Psalms 119:165
- **Have Peace in Christ.**
John 16:33
- **Have Peace With God.**
Isaiah 27:5; Romans 5:1
- **Are Kept (Guarded) by Peace.**
Philippians 4:7; Isaiah 26:3
- **Repose in Peace.**
Psalms 4:8
- **Ruled by Peace.**
Colossians 3:15
- **Wish Peace to Each Other.**
Galatians 6:16; Philippians 1:2;
Colossians 1:2;
1 Thessalonians 1:1



- As we endeavor to be the Peace-Makers God expects us to be, let's remember Jesus is our great and only Peace-Maker – who reconciled us to God – and makes us Sons and Daughters of God!

Ephesians 2:13-18 says:

“But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ***For He Himself is our peace***, who made both groups into one, and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus ***establishing peace***, and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity. ***And He came and preached peace to you who were far away, and peace to those who were near*** [Isaiah 57:19]; for through Him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father.”

