



Peacemakers

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.” Matthew 5:9

1. Peacemakers bring the message of reconciliation – peace.
2. Those who witness for the Lord Jesus and make converts.
3. Peacemakers are almost last in the list of Beatitudes.
 - a. Witnessing is for the mature. Those who know some scripture and can answer questions for the skeptics.
 - b. Children do not have babies. Adults have babies.

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ’s behalf, be reconciled to God. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.” 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

1. Jesus was a peacemaker, preaching the message of reconciliation.
2. Reconciliation is the making of peace between two warring parties.
3. Peace is our message and the result of accepting Jesus.

“At that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near.” Ephesians 2:12-17

1. Faith in God is the only place we have true peace in life.
2. Peace cannot be prayed for or asked for. It is a result of doing right.
 - a. Faith in Jesus.

- b. Living by scriptural obedience.
3. Peace can be passed on to others through:
 - a. Making converts.
 - b. Making disciples of converts.

“Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” Romans 5:1

“Having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace.” Ephesians 6:15

“How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who proclaims peace, who brings glad tidings of good things, who proclaims salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns!” Isaiah 52:7

1. A peacemaker realizes peace has already been secured by God and He is at peace with man.
2. What is left is for man to be at peace with God.
3. God has done His part through the cross and does not hold man’s sins or trespasses against him.
4. We are to tell man the war is over. Peace has been established. Man is fighting a useless battle against God.
5. Peace is secured and God has been reconciled to man. Now man needs to be reconciled to God.
6. Peace with God can now bring peace between people.
 - a. Man has tried to be at peace with God by being at peace with mankind. (ex. Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden).
 - b. Only through faith in Christ is man justified before God. Then we can be justified with each other. Jesus is the source of all peace, first with God, then with man.