

# Blessed are the Peacemakers

## Matthew 5:9

### **Introduction**

Our love and unity would be so powerful that the world will notice and come to trust Jesus.

But this will never happen unless we obey Jesus' words in the seventh beatitude.

### **What does it mean to be a peacemaker? (5:9)**

It means helping believers overcome their conflicts so they experience love and unity.

### **Why is it important to be a peacemaker? (5:9)**

Because peacemakers will be called sons (and daughters) of God.

We become sons and daughters of God through trusting Jesus.

So why does Jesus say it's peacemakers who are sons and daughters of God?

It's because everyone who trusts Jesus is changed into a peacemaker.

### **How does trusting Jesus change me in to a peacemaker? (5:3-4)**

Start with the first two beatitudes — admit to Jesus that we are poor in spirit, mourn before Him for our sin — be powerfully comforted with His love and presence.

When we experience Jesus' comfort, we will long for everyone to know Jesus.

Since people come to Jesus through seeing our unity, we will be devoted to bringing about unity.

Whenever we see anger, division, or bitterness — we will work at bringing about peace.

### **How can you make peace when you are angry at someone? (5:9)**

Take your anger to Jesus — let Him heal your heart and fill you with forgiveness.

You might want to talk with them — to help them grow.

### **How can you make peace when someone is angry at you? (5:9)**

Go to Jesus and let His love fill your heart.

Go to this person and love, listen, learn.

Express your love and desire to be in unity.

### **How can you make peace when people are angry at each other?**

Don't enter into gossip.

Urge each one to take their anger to Jesus.

Urge each one to forgive the other.

Urge each one to talk to no one else about it except each other.



## **HOME GROUP DISCUSSION OF SUNDAY'S TEACHING**

*(Sometimes in our home groups we talk about Sunday's teaching, so we can work together on responding to God's Word — asking questions, sharing insights, talking together.)*

What was the Holy Spirit saying to you Sunday through this passage?

What questions, ideas, objections, encouragements did you come away with?

Do you agree that being a peacemaker means helping believers overcome their conflicts so they experience love and unity? Why or why not?

Do you agree that everyone who trusts Jesus will become a peacemaker? How have you experienced this?

What keeps us from being peacemakers? How can we overcome these obstacles?

Do you have a situation in which you need to be a peacemaker? Do you know what next step Jesus wants you to take? How can the group pray for you about this?

What are you going to do differently because of these Scriptures?

Share prayer requests that come up in the discussion, jot them down below, and pray for each other.



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