

LAWS FOR LIVING IN DIFFICULT TIMES

Sermon on the Mount Matthew 5 Part 7 Peacemakers

9 Beautiful Attitudes! Attitudes We Need to Have! Blessed = Contentment

And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him.
³Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted. ⁵Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth. ⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled. ⁷Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy. ⁸Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God. ⁹**Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God.**

The Beatitudes are not what we have or do but what we **ARE**—Character traits.
When we die, we leave behind all we have and all we've done and take with us ONLY all we are!!!

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WHY IS THERE NO PEACE IN OUR WORLD? 3 Reasons

¹***What is causing the quarrels and fights among you? Don't they come from the [1] evil desires at war within you?*** ²*You want what you don't have, so you scheme and kill to get it. You are jealous of what others have, but you can't get it, so [2] you fight and wage war to take it away from them.....Don't you realize that friendship with the world makes you an enemy of God? I say it again: If you want to be a friend of the world, [3] you make yourself an enemy of God.* James 4:1-2,4

Three Wars	[1] With In	<i>evil desires at war within you?</i>
	[2] With others	<i>you fight and wage war to take it away from them</i>
	[3] With God	<i>you make yourself an enemy of God</i>

WHAT IS BIBLICAL PEACE? ¹⁸Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone. Romans 12:18

- > It Is Not Appeasement Sign of weakness usually leads to more attacks
- > It Is Not a **TRUCE** Usually this is just a reloading time
- > It Is Not Getting along w/ Everybody We are defined by our friends AND Enemies
- > It is Not the absence of **Conflict** We know what a Cold War is

“Peace” Eirēnopoios **It is a right relationship with God through Christ that leads us to a right relationship with ourselves and guides us to a right relationship with others.**

Peace is the fruit and result of righteousness. Righteousness and peace are linked
*Pure in heart comes **before** peacemakers fruit of the spirit is PEACE (Galatians 5:22)*

¹⁷ But the **wisdom from above** is first of all pure. It is also **peace loving**, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and the fruit of good deeds. It shows no favoritism and is always sincere. ¹⁸ And those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of righteousness. James 3:17-18

Unfailing love and truth have met together. Righteousness and peace have kissed! Psalm 85:10
See also Hebrews 7:3

You will never have peace until you have righteousness! So. How do we get righteousness?
, ²² even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.....⁹Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us..... ¹⁰ For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of His Son while we were still His enemies,... [Romans 3 and 5]

ENEMY OF PEACE Peace from Righteousness War from SIN!

²²*"But there is no peace for the wicked," says the Lord*

Isaiah 48:22

Sin makes us enemies of God [Isaiah 59:2] leading to internal turmoil which leads to strife with others!

You can either give your heart to the **PRINCE OF PEACE** or Make up your own **False Peace**

¹¹*For they have healed the hurt of the daughter of My people slightly, Saying, 'Peace, peace!' When there is no peace.*

¹²*Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? No! They were not at all ashamed, Nor did they know how to blush. Therefore they shall fall; In the time of their punishment.....They shall be cast down," says the Lord.*

Jeremiah 8:11-12

Man is the only creature that can **blush!** Only one that needs to! We've forgotten how to blush!!

God will never sign a peace treaty with sin (Matthew 10:34)

WHO CAN GIVE US PEACE?

- Planned by God the **Father** Jeremiah 29:11-13
- Provided by God the **Son** Ephesians 2:13 Colossians 1:19,20
- Presented by God the **Spirit** Galatians 5:22 John 14:27

RESULTS OF PEACE *For they [we] shall be called sons of God.* Matthew 5:9

We have a Royal Family! We Have a Kingdom Purpose! We Have an Eternal Home!