**The Blessed Character of the Peacemaker – Matt. 5:9**

*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God*

The character of a Christian

The Christian is poor in spirit

The Christian mourns over sinfulness

The Christian is gentle

The Christian has spiritual desires for righteousness

The Christian is merciful

The Christian is pure in heart

**Focal Truth: The peacemaker is called a son of God**

**Observations**

1. **Who is the source of peace & peacemaking?**
2. God is the God of peace & the Lord Jesus is the Prince of peace

1 Thess. 5:23 – now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ

Isa. 9:6 – 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

1. God makes peace with rebel sinners through Jesus Christ the peacemaker

Rom. 4:5 – but to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness

Rom. 5:1 – therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ

1. Jesus Christ gives the grace gift of peace to saved sinners by the Holy Spirit

John 14:27 – Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you, not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, not let it be afraid

John 16:33 – these things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace, In the world you have tribulation, but take courage, I have overcome the world

Gal. 5:22 – the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness

Rom. 8:6 – but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace

Rom. 14:17 – the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit

Rom. 15:13 – now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit

Phil 4:7 – the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus

Phil 4:9 – the thing you have learned and received and heard and seen in me practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you

James 3:17 – the wisdom from above is fruit pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy

1. **What are the qualities of peacemaking?**

Believers practice peacemaking in all their relationships

Matt. 5:25 – make friends quickly with your opponent at law while you are with him on the way…

Mark 9:50 – salt is good, but if the salt becomes unsalty, with what will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another

Rom 12:18 – if possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men

Heb. 12:14 – pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord

1. Pet. 3:11 – he must turn away from evil and do good, He must seek peace and pursue it.

**Peacemaking is practicing the qualities of the Christian in the sermon on the Mount**

1. Peacemakers are poor in spirit
2. Peacemakers mourn
3. Peacemakers are gentle
4. Peacemakers desire righteousness
5. Peacemakers are merciful
6. Peacemakers are pure in heart
7. **What is the blessedness of peacemaking?**
8. The peacemaker will be blessed by God being called a child of God
9. The peacemaker is the adopted child of God
10. The peacemaker is blessed with the grace of peace in order to be a peacemaker
11. The peacemaker is loves others more than themselves
12. The peacemaker like Jesus Christ the peacemaker

**Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the sons of God**

**To the praise of the glory of His grace. The Lord is near to the door! Come Lord Jesus!**