

**Blessed Are The Peacemakers** | Trent Thompson

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

**Christians have to be peacemakers. So, who is a peacemaker?**

- A Peacemaker seeks peace because of the peace they have been given. (Ephesians 2:16-19)
- A Peacemaker is motivated by a desire to grow in righteousness (James 3:18)
- A Peacemaker knows making peace is wise even though it makes them vulnerable (James 3:17-18, Colossians 1:20)
- A Peacemaker doesn't expect people in the world to seek peace with them, even while they know they must seek peace with them. (Romans 3:17-18, 12:17-21)
- A Peacemaker is willing to sacrifice having their way in order to have peace with other Christians. (Romans 14:13-19)
- A Peacemaker is not quick to dissolve unity (Ephesians 4:3)
- A Peacemaker doesn't speak poorly of others even when they are spoken poorly of. (1 Peter 3:9-12)

1. What stood out to you from the sermon and the texts we looked at together?
2. Why is peacemaking something that identifies us as children of God?
3. What is the hardest part of making peace in your experience? What truths or promises from God's Word help with that difficulty?
4. Have you pursued peace within the body of Christ during Covid?
5. Have you sought to live at peace with unbelievers during this time?
6. Have you dishonored another believer with your words during this time?
7. What is God inviting and commanding you to do in light of your answers to the questions above?

**Challenge Verse**

Each week we want to challenge you to memorize a verse(s) related to the sermon. This week's verse is **Matthew 5:9**

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