

THE BLESSEDNESS OF MAKING PEACE  
(Matthew 5:9)

I. The MEANING of Peace

A. The DISTINCTIVES Divine Peace (John 14:27c)

1. The world's "peace" is TEMPORARY
2. The world's "peace" is ARTIFICIAL/IMAGINARY
3. Only Christ's peace is REAL and PERMANENT

B. Objective peace: peace WITH God

1. Every human HATES God and willfully DEFIES Him (Rom. 3:10-18, 23)
2. Every human will face God's WRATH and is doomed to eternal DAMNATION (Rom. 1:18; 6:23a; 1 Cor. 15:22a)
3. God's holy wrath was SATISFIED by the death of JESUS (Col. 1:19-20)
4. Through faith in Christ, God establishes PEACE between us (Rom. 5:1)

C. Subjective peace: peace OF God (Phil. 4:7; cf. Rom. 14:17; 15:13)

1. It ACTIVELY changes how we FEEL about circumstances
2. It provides joyful tranquility DESPITE conflicts

3. It manifests in HARMONY with other believers (Rom. 14:19; 2 Cor. 13:11; Eph. 4:3; 1 Thess. 5:13)

## II. The SOURCE of Peace

- A. From God the FATHER (Col. 1:2)
- B. From the HOLY SPIRIT (Gal. 5:22)
- C. From God the SON, Jesus Christ (Rom. 1:7; etc)

## III. The MAKING of Peace

- A. Starts with PERSONAL peace (Rom. 5:10; Phil. 4:7; Col. 3:15)
- B. LEADS others to peace with GOD (Acts 10:36; Eph. 6:15)
  1. Must REVEAL their natural CONFLICT with God
  2. Establishes peace through SURRENDER to Christ
- C. HELPS others make peace with OTHERS (Matt. 5:23-24; Rom. 12:18)
  1. Must address the SIN that causes STRIFE
  2. Establishes peace through RESOLUTION of issues
- D. Speaks the TRUTH in LOVE (Eph. 4:15)

## IV. The RESULT of Being a Peacemaker

- A. Eternal SONSHIP in the Kingdom (Rom. 8:17)
- B. Eternal STATUS as a especially LIKE God (Gal. 3:25-26; Eph. 5:1)