

Blessed are the peacemakers.
AM Service Matthew 5:9 April 8, 2018

Introduction

The Beatitudes

Blessed are the poor in spirit.

Blessed are those who mourn.

Blessed are the meek.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.

Blessed are the merciful.

Blessed are the pure in heart.

Blessed are the peacemakers.

War and Peace

1. The Greek word for peacemaker
2. What is the opposite of peace?
3. War is dangerous to our health and life expectancy.

Where do wars come from?

1. Wars and Fights
2. What is their source or origin?
3. The Internal War

“Most of the wars which have occurred in the world can be traced to what the apostle here calls lusts. The desire of booty, the love of conquest, the ambition for extended rule, the gratification of revenge, these and similar causes have led to all the wars that have desolated the earth... War always supposes that wrong has been done on one side or the other, and that one party or the other, or both, is indisposed to do right. The spirit of justice, equity, and truth, which the religion of Christ would implant in the human heart, would put an end to war forever.” (Albert Barnes)

What is a peacemaker?

What is a peacemaker called?

What do we know, and what should we do?

1. War divides and peace unites.

What should we do?

Don't succumb to the lusts of the flesh.

2. The Beatitudes give the characteristics of true Christianity.

What should we do?

Pattern your life after the Beatitudes.

3. Peace is not always possible.

What should we do?

Rom 12:18 If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.

Are you a peacemaker?

Matt 5:9

*9 Blessed are the peacemakers,
For they shall be called sons of God.*

~ Pastor Mark D. Montgomery