

abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, (16) and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. (17) And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. (18) For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.

Our primary task to those who are not in relationship with God is to be a peacemaker.

C. Called Sons of God

While you are out in the world, making peace in the lives of others, God says of you, these are my sons and daughters, my called ones.

There are 4 words/stages as sons...and Jesus uses the 4th stage in this beatitude.

Stage 1 (nepios) – Speaks of a child from conception until about the age of two. Infant stage. Everyone of us must get past the infant stage.

Stage 2 (teknios) – From 2 years old to about 7 years old. It is the stage where the forming of basic values occurs.

Stage 3 (paidios) – From age 7 to about age 12 or 14. This was the time a boy became a man and a girl became a woman. It was during this time they were educated, and that they passed through puberty.

Stage 4 (huios) – This was an adult son and heir to his father's name and authority, possessions, and responsibilities. He became self-responsible both legally and spiritually.

God looks on us and says, these are my sons and daughters, my servant-warriors who carry my Kingdom into the world, with the same authority, power and responsibility my Son, Jesus carried.

As peacemakers we are being called to work toward the perfect well-being for all men - those who heal the sick, or feed the hungry, protect the helpless, or comfort the sorrowing, who do anything to make life in this world better and happier for others, are truly serving God.

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Part 4 – The Pure & The Peacemakers

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Matthew 5:3-10 NKJV - (3) "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (4)Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. (5)Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. (6)Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled. (7)Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. (8)Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. (9)Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. (10) Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

SEVEN QUALITIES OF BLESSEDNESS

1. **Poor in Spirit - Kingdom of Heaven**
2. **Mourners - Comforted**
3. **Meek – Inherit the Earth**
4. **Hungry & Thirsty - Filled**
5. **Merciful – Obtain Mercy**

6. **Pure – Will See God**

Matthew 5:8 NKJV - Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

A. Pure (Greek: Katharos Hebrew: Taher)

It means to empty out the bowels; to cleanse by purging or emptying out; innocent, which is derived by emptying or purging.

In biblical thought, there was impurity before there was purity. A person had to acknowledge his impurity and be purged from it in order to be pure. And he was purged to forgiveness not to innocence.

i. Genuine or real.

It is the truth of God over counterfeit or phoniness; opposed to that which is false.

ii. Unmixed.

It comes from the thought of winnowing corn – the husks, silk and chaff is removed.

How often do we sit at the close of the day and ask God to blow away the chaff and impurities of all we have done that day and only return to us the pure kernels that will honor Him?

iii. Unadulterated

This is the process by which we free wine from water. It comes from the word meaning to boil up or to be in ferment, or to tread out.

All the impurities were purged from the wine so that the sweetness of the wine could be served.

iv. Unalloyed.

This deals with the purging of all inferior alloys from gold so that the final product is pure.

Trials, temptations, difficulties have a way of showing what we are made of. We go through the refiner's fire.

Job 23:10 NKJV - But He knows the way that I take; when He has tested me, I shall come forth as gold.

B. Becoming Pure

Ephesians 5:26NKJV - That He might sanctify and cleanse her (the Church) with the washing of water by the word.

1 John 1:9 NKJV - If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:7NKJV - But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

C. In Heart

The heart is the root, seat, or source of being and action; it is the hidden spring of personality. The heart is essentially the whole man with all his attributes: physical, intellectual, and psychological.

D. For They Shall See God

This means the pure in heart are aware of God in every circumstance of life.

Inner purity of the heart is the result of a personal relationship with God, not external forms of holiness, which the Pharisees practiced.

Matthew 23:26 NKJV - Blind Pharisee, first cleanse the inside of the cup and dish, that the outside of them may be clean also.

7. **Peacemakers – Sons of God**

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

A. Peace (Greek: Eirene; Hebrew: Shalom)

John 14:27NKJV - Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

i. Perfect Well-Being.

This peace includes everything that contributes to one's highest personal good. It would include serenity, prosperity, and happiness.

ii. Perfect Relationships

This would include relationships with others, myself, and with God. This includes intimacy, fellowship and goodwill.

It's a peace that includes everything that contributes to one's social good.

B. Peacemakers (Greek: Eirenopoioi)

The peace of this beatitude is not some false, negative peace that avoids issues and remains blind to reality. This is a peace faces issues and transforms them by God's help into blessings!

Ephesians 2:14-18 NKJV – (14) For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, (15) having