

#BLESSED series
Week 7 outline
11.21.21

WHO ARE WE BECOMING? PEACE TAKERS, PEACE FAKERS, OR PEACEMAKERS

I. Peace Takers, Peace Fakers, and Peacemakers

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God" Mt 5:9

A. How Does the World Chase Peace?

1. Peace Takers: The hope is to eliminate conflict by disturbing the peace
Where peace is achieved by picking a side, conquering the opposing side, and imposing our will
2. Peace Fakers: the hope is to avoid conflict by separating from conflict
Where peace is achieved by not picking a side, passivity, and repressing our will

B. How Jesus Knows Peace (Mt 5:21-24)

- PEACE: God's peace is greater than the absence or avoidance of conflict
-Shalom: Whole... all things working together in perfect fullness and harmony.... The way God intended it to be in the physical world, in our communities, in our relationships...Whole heart, mind, soul, and strength
1. Peacemakers live as mediators actively taking the side of both parties as ministers of reconciliation.
 2. Anytime we give up the Gospel and take up something else as the MOST important thing, we give up our greatest asset, greatest ministry, and greatest title
 - Our greatest asset: the peace of the Holy Spirit at work in our life (Jn 14:26-27)
 - Our greatest ministry: the ministry of reconciliation (2 Cor 5:11-21)
 - Our greatest title: sons and daughters of God (Mt 5:9)

II. Who are We Becoming? (2 Cor 5:13-21)

How Do We Live as Biblical Peacemakers in a World of Peace takers and Peace fakers?

A. Peacemakers Become COMPELLED (vs13-14)

- out of our mind for God
 - in our right mind for you
 - but Christ's Love Compels us
1. Jesus is our great mediator (1 Timothy 2:1-6)
 2. Jesus is our maker of peace (Romans 5:1)

WE LIVE AS PEACEMAKERS THROUGH THE MAKER OF PEACE

"If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal."
-1 Cor 13:1

IF LOVE ISN'T THE REASON, THEN YOU'RE DOING IT FOR THE WRONG REASON
WHAT AM I ALLOWING MYSELF TO BECOME COMPELLED BY?

B. Peacemakers Become CONVINCED (vs 14-16)

- One died for all, and therefore all died
- Those who live, no longer live for themselves but for him
- In his resurrection power
- We regard no one from a world point of view (in the flesh)

PEACEMAKERS ARE MORE CONVINCED ABOUT WHO THEY'RE FOR
THAN CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT THEY'RE AGAINST:
HOW AM I CHOOSING TO REGARD OTHERS?

C. Peacemakers Become COMMITTED (vs 17-21)

- Now "in Christ" and living in a new creation identity, my perspective is totally different knowing I have undeservingly and graciously been reconciled to my creator through Christ
- Jesus has entrusted/COMMITTED to me His ministry of reconciliation.
and what is His message?

WITH WHOM HAVE I BEEN ENTRUSTED TO MEDIATE?

III. Peacemakers Become Called (Mt 5:9)

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- WHAT AM I ALLOWING MYSELF TO BE COMPELLED BY?
- HOW AM I CHOOSING TO REGARD OTHERS?
- FOR WHOM HAVE I BEEN ENTRUSTED TO MEDIATE?
- WHO AM I BECOMING?

Peacemakers become Compelled by the love of Christ,
Convinced by the Gospel,
Committed as Reconcilers in the world,
And Called the Sons and Daughters of God