

# Best Sermon Ever: Blessed are the Peacemakers

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# Three Truths



- ▶ Jesus is the ultimate peacemaker who came into this world to bring peace
- ▶ Jesus gives us his peace when we have faith and follow him so we can be peacemakers
- ▶ Jesus identifies peacemakers as the Sons of God



**Blessed are  
the  
peacemakers,  
for they will  
be called  
sons of God.**

**- Matthew 5:9 -**



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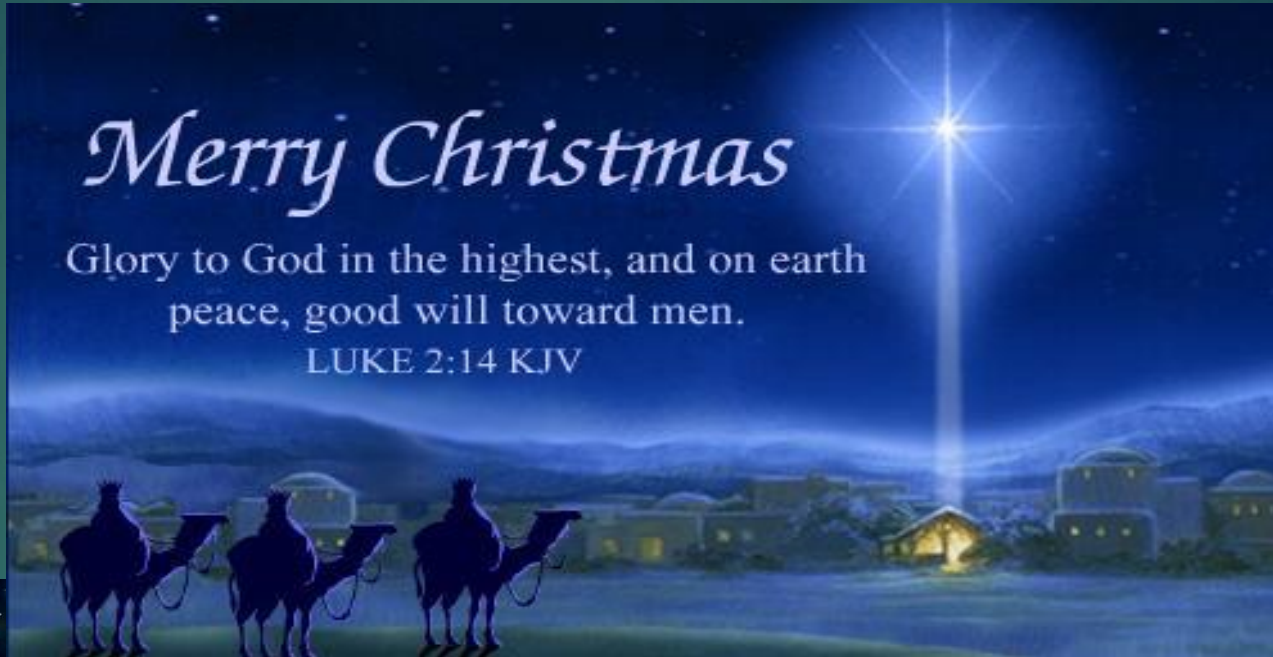


# Do you remember ?

## *Merry Christmas*

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth  
peace, good will toward men.

LUKE 2:14 KJV



*The virgin will conceive  
and give birth to a son,  
and they will call him  
Emmanuel which means  
“God with us”.*

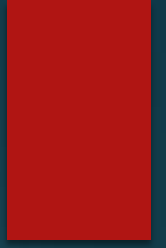
Matthew 1:23



**“For to us a child is born, to us a son is  
given, and the government will be on  
his shoulders. And he will be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”**

- Isaiah 9:6

# Biblical Peace



Peace

Wholeness

Harmony

Unity

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εἰρήνη

Wellbeing

Completeness Inner resting

Prosperity



- ▶ Jesus preached the gospel message offering peace because of love
- ▶ Jesus made peace with God on our behalf by taking our punishment on the cross
- ▶ Jesus extends this peace to us by grace through faith made possible by his resurrection



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# A Peace- "full" Inheritance

Galatians 5:22-23 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, **peace**, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Phil. 4:7 And the **peace** of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.



# Peacemaking

## Yes

- ▶ Actively pursues peace
- ▶ Seeks to reconcile people to God and others
- ▶ Tries to honestly make things right

## No

- ▶ Pretending everything is okay when it is not
- ▶ Keeping quiet until the problem goes away
- ▶ Trying to maintain all good feelings by pleasing everyone

# Peacemaking through Forgiveness

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. <sup>14</sup> And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.


<sup>15</sup> Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

# Peacemaking through Communication

Matt 5:23-24 23 “Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, 24 leave your gift there in front of the altar. **First go and be reconciled to them;** then come and offer your gift.

Matt 18:15-17 15 “If your brother or sister sins, **go and point out their fault, just between the two of you.** If they listen to you, you have won them over. 16 But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ 17 If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.





# Jesus identifies Peacemakers as the Sons of God

# Why the Difference?



NIV Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called **children** of God.

ESV Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called **sons** of God.

# The Family Business is Love

43 “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your **enemy**.’ 44 But I say to you, Love your **enemies** and pray for those who persecute you, 45 so that you may be **sons of your Father** who is in heaven.



# The Significance of Family

John 15:18 “If the world **hates** you, keep in mind that it **hated** me first. 19 If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have **chosen you out of the world**. That is why the world **hates** you.

# CONCLUSION

# Love and Peace



2 Cor. 13:11 Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.



# Benediction



24 “““The Lord bless you and keep you;  
25 the Lord make his face shine on you and be  
gracious to you;  
26 the Lord turn his face toward you and give  
you peace.””