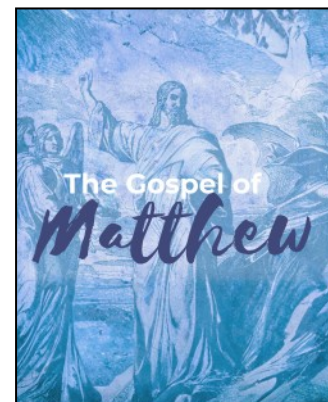


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Making Peace
Matthew 5:9&10

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

Big Idea: True peacemakers sometimes have to disturb a false peace to establish a lasting one.

1. Make Peace by _____ It Away (*sometimes*)

- Jesus came to bring peace...and a sword (Matt. 10:34).
- God often disrupts false peace before giving true peace.
- Peacemakers are not merely **peacekeepers**.

False Peace: Comfort without righteousness.

2. Make Peace by _____ It Up

- Real peacemaking is costly.
- Refusing to compromise truth often brings persecution (Matt. 5:10–12).
- Don't become a **peacebroker** who negotiates away righteousness for temporary calm.

True Peace: Peace that is rooted in righteousness.

3. Make Peace by _____ It Within

- God is the **God of Peace**.
- Christ gives His peace to His people.
- You cannot give what you do not possess.

"My peace I give to you." — John 14:27

Counterfeits to Avoid:

- ☐ Peacebreaker
- ☐ Peacefaker
- ☐ Peacekeeper (at any cost)
- ☐ Peacebroker (compromising truth)
- ☒ **Peacemaker**

Study Guide
Matthew 5:9&10

Getting Started

1. When you hear the word **peace**, what is the first thing that comes to mind? How would you have defined it before Sunday's message?
2. Think about a time when avoiding conflict actually made a situation worse.

Digging Deeper:

3. Read Matthew 5:9–12. Why do you think Jesus speaks about persecution immediately after blessing peacemakers? How are these connected?
4. The sermon suggested that **sometimes peacemakers must first disturb a false peace before true peace can exist**. Where do you see this pattern in Jesus' ministry?
5. Read Matthew 10:34–39. How does this passage help explain what Jesus means by being a peacemaker without contradicting His title as the "Prince of Peace"?
6. Read Jeremiah 6:13–14 and 1 Thessalonians 5:2–8. What is the danger of saying, "Peace, peace," when there is no peace?
7. The sermon distinguished between: Peacebreakers, Peacekeepers, Peace brokers, and Peacemakers. Which of these do you naturally tend toward? Why?
8. Read James 3:17 and Hebrews 12:14. What do these passages teach about the relationship between righteousness and peace?
9. The sermon emphasized that peacemaking often requires loving confrontation. Read Proverbs 27:5–6 and Ephesians 4:15. What makes confrontation loving rather than harsh or self-righteous?
10. Read John 14:27 and Philippians 4:4–9. How does experiencing Christ's peace internally prepare us to bring peace into difficult relationships?

Making It Real:

11. Is there a relationship in your life where you've been settling for **false peace** instead of pursuing **true peace**? What would faithful peacemaking look like?
12. Where might God be calling you this week to lovingly speak truth, refuse compromise, or endure misunderstanding for the sake of righteousness?

Prayer:

Pray that God would fill you with the peace of Christ, give wisdom to recognize the difference between false peace and true peace, and provide courage to become peacemakers who lovingly pursue righteousness, even when it is costly.