

## **“Beatitudes #5”**

### Matthew 5:9 - Beatitudes - (The Peacemakers)

Review:

#### Matthew 5:7

- **#5 “Blessed are the Merciful, for they shall obtain Mercy...”**

**Bible Definition:** “Mercy is when God, out of His lovingkindness, withholds punishment that we rightfully deserve because of our sin... God’s mercy and compassion cannot be earned... it is part of God’s nature to be merciful.”

#### James 2:13 (NKJV)

***“Judgement is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgement.”***

#### Proverbs 21:13

***“Whoever shuts his ears to the cry of the poor will also cry himself and not be heard.”***

- He who shows mercy, will receive mercy...

#### Matthew 5: 8 (Text)

- **#6 “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God...”**

#### Psalms 24:3-5 (ESV)

***“Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in His Holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully. He will receive blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the god of his salvation.”***

#### 1 John 3:1-3 (NKJV)

*“Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore, the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, now we are the children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, Just as He is pure.”*

- When our trust and hope are in Christ, it has a purifying power/**effect** on our lives.
- Literally transforms and purifies our hearts... H.S. working in us!

### **Tonight:**

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

**Peacemakers:** Those who promote God’s messianic **peace**... (**Hebrew, Shalom:** The desire for the total well-being of others and yourself)

### **Isaiah 52:7 (NKJV)**

*“How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who proclaims peace, who brings glad tidings of good things, who proclaims salvation, who says to Zion, **your God reigns!**”*

### **Hebrews 12:14 (NKJV)**

*“**Pursue peace with all people.** And holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God...”*

- Makers of peace... actively pursue it.
- Peacemakers are instruments of peace in the lives of those around us.

### **Romans 14:19 (NKJV)**

*“Let us **pursue** the things which make for **peace** and the things by which one may **edify** another.”*

- Edification fosters peace... and goodwill! (Luke 2:13-14... birth of Christ, multitude of angels praising God saying)
- *“Glory to God in the highest, and earth peace, goodwill toward men... Lit. Peace toward men of goodwill*

James 3:18 (N KJV)

*“The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.”*

Ephesians 4:2-3 (ESV)

*“With all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager (endeavoring) to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”*

Ephesians 2:17-18 (NKJV)

*“He (Christ) came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.”*

- What is the result of a peacemaker... *“They shall be called the sons of God.”*
- What does it mean to be a son of God?

Galatians 3:23,26-27... 4:4-7 (ESV)

*“Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed... v26 for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. V27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.”*

Gal. 4:4-7 *“When the fullness of time had come. God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons. God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts crying*

**Abba Father! *So, you are no longer a slave, but a son,* and if a son, then an heir through God."**

- Life under the law was slavery.
- Life in Christ is marked by the freedom that comes from being God's son.
- Sonship is also marked by God's promises... and God's Covenant...
- **In Christ** we have victory over sin and evil.

**Romans 8:15-17 (NKJV)**

***"You did not receive the Spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out Abba Father. The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God, and if children, then heirs – heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together."***

- God is a God of Covenant; He deals with us according to His Covenant...

**Isaiah 63: 7-11, 15-16... Read! (NKJV)...**

**Psalms 106:43-45... Read! (NKJV)**

- God regards our affliction... He hears our cry!
- Remembers His covenant... for our sake.

**(ESV) V45**

***"For their sake He remembered His covenant and relented according to the abundance of His steadfast love."***

- Isaiah 63:16... ***"Doubtless He is our Father."***
- **"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God"**