

REDEFINING HAPPINESS

Part 9 - **The Peacemakers are Happy** - March 7, 2010

Matt. 5:1-12 ... v.8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. **v.9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.** v.10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

I. What is peace?

A: The presence of righteousness

II. What is a peacemaker?

A: One who invokes / brings righteousness

James 3:17-18 ... But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. v.18 Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

Prov 14:34 ... Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a reproach to any people.

Is 57:21 ... "There is no peace," Says my God, "for the wicked."

Is 26:3 ... You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You.

III. Who are the peacemakers?

2 Cor. 5:17-21 ... Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

v.21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

v.18 Now all things are of God, who has made peace with us through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of peace making,

v.19 that is, that God was in Christ making peace with the world, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the message of peacemaking.

v.20 Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, receive the PEACE of God.

A: We are!