

# Blessed Are The Peacemakers

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MATTHEW 5:9 AND HEBREWS 5:11-6:3

### Observation: What is happening here?

#### **Matthew 5:9 – The Call of Christ**

- As part of the Beatitudes, Jesus pronounces blessing not on peacekeepers, but **peacemakers**.
- Peacemaking is active, intentional, and relational.
- Those who live this way are called **children of God**.

#### **Hebrews 5:11–6:3 – The Call to Maturity**

- Mature believers have **discernment** that is trained *by practice*.
- Scripture calls us to move **beyond** the elementary teachings.
- Six elementary teachings: (Let us seek the higher things)
  - 1) **Repentance of Dead Works:** *Mark 1:15; Luke 24:47*
  - 2) **Faith Towards God:** *John 3:16; John 6:47*
  - 3) **Baptism:** *Romans 6:3-4; Colossians 2:12*
  - 4) **Laying on of Hands:** *Acts 6:6; 1 Timothy 4:14; Hebrews 6:2*
  - 5) **Resurrection** of the Dead: *John 11:25; 1 Corinthians 15:20*
  - 6) **Eternal Judgement:** *2 Corinthians 5:10; Matthew 25:46*
- Faith is meant to grow, not remain stagnant; peacemaking then, grows the same way.

## Be a peacemaker

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## **Interpretation: What can we learn?**

### **Peacemaking flows from identity, not avoidance**

- Jesus blesses participation in **peacemaking**, not *peacekeeping*.
- *Peacekeeping* avoids tension, while **peacemaking** enters it with wisdom. God helps us navigate this complex world in simplicity.
- To be called "children of God" means we reflect our Father's character.
- **Scriptures:** *Matthew 5:9; 1 John 4:19*

### **Peacemaking requires spiritual obedience, growth, and maturity**

- Hebrews shows us that *immaturity* leads to instability, division, and lacking discernment.
- Discernment is learned through practice (training), not shortcuts.
- For us to remain in the elementary things; it does not allow us to seek the higher things. Let us grow in faith and for God's help.
- **Scriptures:** *Hebrews 5:14–6:3; Colossians 1:9–10*

### **Peacemaking is the fruit of Christ at work within us**

- True peace must be received from Christ; it is divine and not man-made.
- As Christ transforms us inwardly, peace flows outwardly.
- Peacemaking becomes witness for others to see.
- **Scriptures:** *Romans 12:18–21; Galatians 5:22–23; John 15:4–5*

## **Application: How should we live?**

### **Make peace with Christ by Faith**

- Salvation begins by believing in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- True peace begins when we are reconciled to God.
- **Scriptures:** *Romans 5:1; 1 Corinthians 15:1–4; John 14:27*

### **Grow into spiritual maturity**

- Commit to learning discernment, holiness, and wisdom.
- Commit to not remain in spiritual stagnation.
- Grow in Him. Never stop growing.
- **Scriptures:** *Hebrews 6:1; Philippians 1:9–11*

### **Step forward as a peacemaker**

- Choose one relationship marked by tension or distance and take an intentional step toward peace: conversation, forgiveness, or invitation.
- **Scriptures:** *Matthew 5:9; Romans 12:18; 2 Corinthians 5:18–20*

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