

## **Matthew 5:9 "Peacemakers"**

Addressing a large crowd overlooking the sea of Galilee, Jesus reminds us that peacemakers in His Kingdom will be recognized as partaking of God's nature. After all, God is the "God of Peace" (Hebrews 13:20) and Jesus is the "Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6). What does the Bible, and specifically this passage tell us about peace? Notice that...

### **I. Peace is described in the Bible**

- A. Outer peace
- B. Inner peace

### **II. Peace is the disposition of those who belong to God.**

The peace of Christ must always be seen in terms of...

- A. Truth
- B. Righteousness

### **III. Peace is the desire for those who belong to God.**

- A. Peacemakers have made peace with God.
- B. Peacemakers lead others to make peace with God.
- C. Peacemakers help establish peace with others.

### **Take away:** (Read: 2 Corinthians 5:18-21)

As a peacemaker, will you take "The Soul Winner's Prayer Challenge?" Will you commit to pray the following prayer? I believe God will honor your request and you will find yourself truly engaged in leading people to encounter the Prince of Peace so that they have peace "not merely in our time but peace in all time."

The Soul Winner's Prayer:

"Dear God, give me the opportunity to share my faith today. Help me to recognize the opportunity when it happens, and give me the courage to share the gospel with simplicity and love."

"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, And he who is wise wins souls." Proverbs 11:30 (NASB95)

"How lovely on the mountains, Are the feet of him who brings good news, Who announces peace, And brings good news of happiness, Who announces salvation, And says to Zion, "Your God reigns!" Isaiah 52:7 (NASB95)