

Palmetto Baptist Church – December 11, 2011  
The Joy of Peace – Matthew 5:9

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

## **Inside the Text**

### **I. The need for peace is obvious. – Sin Divides.**

- A. Terrorism in the world
- B. Turmoil in the home
- C. Tension in your heart

### **II. The source of peace is simple. – Jesus Saves.**

- A. Jesus is the only answer. (John 14:6; Eph. 2:14-17)
- B. You must repent and believe. (Rom 5:1; Acts 20:21)

### **III. The motivation for peace is powerful. – The Gospel Transforms.**

- A. The way you view yourself (Phil 2:1-8)
- B. The way you view God (Phil 2:9-11)
- C. The way you view others (Gal 5:13-15)

## **Apply the Text**

- **Peacemaking defines a genuine believer. (Matthew 5:9)**
  
- **Peacemaking demands divine assistance. (Col 1:20; Jam 3:18; Gal 5:22)**