

**The Gospel of Matthew #32**

**Sermon on the Mount: How to Be Happy**

**#7: HAPPY ARE THE PEACEMAKERS**

**Matthew 5:9**

I. We live in a world of \_\_\_\_\_

Gen 3: Fall & curse → Gen 4: Cain & Abel

Ishmael & Isaac    Jacob & Esau

Jew & Gentile (how the Zealots must have reacted to Jesus' words!)

Down to today...

II. Peacemaking is \_\_\_\_\_

A. Our natures are vindictive and cruel

B. God is a God of \_\_\_\_\_

Num 6:24-26; Psm 29:11; Rom 15:33 (cf v13); Heb 13:20

Messiah is called the Prince of Peace (Isa 9:6)

C. Jesus is our \_\_\_\_\_: Eph 2:

1. with God (v11-14a cf. Rom 5:1)

2. with one another (v14-18)

Even Jews and Gentiles! (Fact)

Therefore (command): 4:3

D. Only \_\_\_\_\_ can bring peace

This is why peacemakers are identified as His sons

See connection of this with other beatitudes

### III. Where we make peace

A. Home

B. Church

Beware: peace at the cost of truth is wrong

But the fight for truth must always be with tears, with a longing for peace

C. Extended family

D. Work

E. World

### IV. How to make peace

Ken Sande's *Four Principles*

- G\_\_\_\_\_ God
- G\_\_\_\_\_ the log out of your own eye
- G\_\_\_\_\_ and show your brother his fault
- G\_\_\_\_\_ and be reconciled

Rooted in the Gospel

Peacemaking is powerful in a world obsessed with Rights

What is God saying to you from this?