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Get a New Heart :

The beatitudes tell us that the blessings of eternity will be given only to those who have become new creatures.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God.



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- If we don't obtain mercy, we receive judgment. If we don't see God, we are not in heaven. If we are not called the sons of God we are outside the family.
 - Our of final salvation. - Promised only to the merciful, the pure in heart, and the peacemakers.
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- **The Sermon on the Mount cries out, "Get yourself a new heart! Become a new person!"**
- **Judgment is coming vs 20: Unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven" ([Matthew 5:20](#)).**


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7:26. Jesus says to the crowds: Every one who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house upon the sand; and the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell; and great was the fall of it.

A life of disobedience to the beatitudes and to the Sermon on the Mount will not stand in the judgment no matter what we believe!

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- **Not Optional Suggestions but the Path to Heaven:**
- **Jesus is not making optional suggestions, His sermon is not a series of suggestions on how to make the world better.**
- **Jesus is describing the pathway to heaven,**
- **Its a message from God to urge you to get on that pathway and stay on that pathway so that you can be called sons of God at the last judgment.**



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- **What is at stake this morning?**

- **What path or what road are you on -**

- **The narrow path which leads to life,**

- **the broad way that leads to destruction?**



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How to Become Children of God:

When Jesus says, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the Children of God," he does not tell us how to become a son of God. He simply says that sons of God are peacemakers.

People who are peacemakers will be recognized as the Children of God -they are welcomed into the Father's house.

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How to become sons of God, examples in [John 1:12](#) and [Galatians 3:26](#). [John 1:12](#) says, "To all who received him (Jesus), who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God."

[Galatians 3:26](#) For in Christ we are all sons of God through faith. In other words, we become sons of God by trusting in Christ for our forgiveness and hope.

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Sons of God Have the Character of Their Father:

Jesus in [Matthew 5:9](#) people who have become sons of God have the character of their heavenly Father.

From Scripture the heavenly Father is a God of peace ([Romans 16:20](#); [1 Thessalonians 5:23](#); [Hebrews 13:20](#)).

We know that heaven is a world of peace ([Luke 19:38](#)). And most important of all, we know that God is a peacemaker!

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God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them" ([2 Corinthians 5:19](#)). He made peace by the blood of the cross ([Colossians 1:20](#)

God is a peace-loving God, and a peacemaking God.

The whole history of redemption, the death and resurrection of Jesus, is God's strategy to bring about a just and lasting peace

God's children are to be that way, too. They have the character of their Father.

What he loves they love. What he pursues they pursue.

You can know his children by whether they are willing to make sacrifices for peace the way God did.

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The Spirit of God Is the Spirit of Peace: Paul says in [Galatians 4:6](#), Since we are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father

In [Romans 8:14](#), All who are led by the Spirit of God are the sons of God." And being led by the Spirit always includes bearing the fruit of the Spirit. And the fruit of the Spirit is peace!

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So the children of God must be peacemakers. Its by the Spirit of God that we are made children of God, and the Spirit of God is the Spirit of peace. If we are not peacemakers, we don't have the Spirit of Christ.

So ([Galatians 3:2](#)). The fruit of this Spirit is peace ([Galatians 5:22](#)). And those who bear the fruit of peace are the sons of God.

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What It Means to Be a Peacemaker :

The promise of sonship in [Matthew 5:9](#) points us to [Matthew 5:43-45](#) these texts describe how we can show ourselves to be Children of God.

You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy." But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.


Vs 45, . . . so that you may be children of your Father who is in heaven, same as in [Matthew 5:9](#).

we must love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us if we would be sons of God.



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Jesus' SAYS - peacemaking as all the acts of love by which we try to overcome the enmity between us and other people



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1. Jesus first mentions prayer (verse 44): Pray for those who persecute you. Pray what? The next chapter tells us. In [Matthew 6:9–10](#) Jesus says, "Pray like this." Pray that you and your enemy would hallow God's name. Pray that God's kingdom be acknowledged in your life and his life. Pray that you and he would do God's will the way the angels do it in heaven. In other words, pray for conversion and sanctification. The basis of peace is purity. Pray for yours and pray for his, that there might be peace.

2. [Matthew 5:47](#) Jesus gives the other specific example of peacemaking-love

If there is a break in one of your relationships, or if there is someone who opposes you, don't nurse that grudge. Don't feed the animosity by ignoring and avoiding that person. That is the natural thing to –

But that is not the impulse of the Spirit of a peacemaking God, who sacrificed his Son to reconcile us to himself and to each other.

Peacemaking tries to build bridges to people. It does not want the animosity to remain. It wants reconciliation. It wants harmony, it tries to show what may be the only courtesy the enemy will tolerate.

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Not the Same as Peace-Achieving :

We pray and we take whatever practical initiatives we can to make peace

Don't equate peacemaking with peace-achieving.

A peacemaker longs for peace, and works for peace, and sacrifices for peace. But the attainment of peace may not come.

[Romans 12:18](#) If possible, so far as it depends upon you, live peaceably with all. That is the goal of a peacemaker: If possible, so far as it depends on you . . .

Don't let the rupture in the relationship be your fault.

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Jesus said in [Matthew 10:34](#), : Do not think that I have come to bring peace on earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and a man's foes will be those of his own household.

You must love peace and work for peace. You must pray for your enemies, and do good to them, and greet them, and long for the barriers between you to be overcome.

You must never abandon your allegiance to me and my word, no matter how much animosity it brings down on your head.

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Purity must be the Basis for Peace : righteousness must not be compromised in order to make peace with your persecutors. When Jesus pronounces a blessing on you for being persecuted for the sake of righteousness, he clearly subordinates the goal of peace to the goal of righteousness.

In [James 3:17](#) wisdom from above is First pure, then peaceable, Purity takes precedence over peace. Purity is the basis of biblical peace. Purity may not be compromised in order to make peace.

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- **You must have a new heart. Without a merciful, pure, peace-making heart you cannot be called a son of God at the judgment day.**
- **Blessed are you peacemakers who pray for your enemies and greet your opponents with love and sacrifice like your heavenly Father for the reconciliation of people to God and to each other, for you will be called sons of God and inherit eternal life in the kingdom of your Father.**