

**Chardon Christian Fellowship**  
**Home Fellowship Lessons**  
*The Beatitudes*

**Lesson 8: Blessed are the Peacemakers (Matthew 5:9)**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

<b>VERSE</b>	<b>BLESSED ARE ...</b>	<b>Explanation</b>	<b>REWARD</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Mt 5:3	Poor in Spirit	<i>Spiritually bankrupt</i>	Kingdom of heaven	<i>Salvation; citizen in Christ's kingdom</i>
Mt 5:4	Those who Mourn	<i>Lament over their sin</i>	They shall be comforted	<i>Forgiveness, assurance; Holy Spirit is The Comforter</i>
Mt 5:5	The Meek	<i>Gentle, mild, 'resting in God'</i>	Inherit the earth	<i>Rule with Christ on earth</i>
Mt 5:6	Hunger & Thirst for Righteousness	<i>Like tunnel-vision focused on God</i>	Will be satisfied	<i>Will be satiated or gorged</i>
Mt 5:7	Merciful	<i>Heart of compassion and forgiveness</i>	Will receive mercy	<i>Spiritual forgiveness from the Father</i>
Mt 5:8	Pure in Heart	<i>Heart devoid of impurities; purged</i>	Will see God	<i>See through spiritual eyes the handiworks of God</i>

**II. LESSON**

Read **Matthew 5:1-9**

**A. "Blessed are the Peacemakers ..."**

**1. "Blessed ..."**

We covered the definition in Lesson 2.

**2. "... are the peacemakers ..."**

**a.** The Greek word *eirēnopoios* is translated as the English word 'peacemaker', and occurs only *once* in the New Testament (**Matthew 5:9**). It literally means 'a peacemaker, peacemaking, peace-workmanship':

**Matthew 5:9** \_\_\_\_\_

**b.** A related word is *eirēnpoiēo* which means 'to make peace, to reconcile', and also is used only *once*:

**Colossians 1:20** \_\_\_\_\_

**c.** Another related word is *eirēnikos* which is translated as 'peaceful or full of peace'.

**Hebrews 12:11** \_\_\_\_\_

**James 3:17** \_\_\_\_\_

**d.** Back to peacemaker, the Greek word *eirēnopoios* is created by merging two words:

*eirēnē* which is translated 'peace'

*poiēma* which is translated as 'a thing made, work, workmanship'

**d.i. eirēnē**

If we are peacemaker what is your definition of peace? \_\_\_\_\_

Let's look at the Greek word *eirēnē* (occurs 92 times in New Testament) and see how the Bible defines peace. There are approximately six distinct definitions:

**(1) peace is a traditional Jewish greeting or salutation**

**Romans 1:7** \_\_\_\_\_

**Ephesians 1:2** \_\_\_\_\_

**Ephesians 6:23** \_\_\_\_\_

This is probably the result of Paul being a traditional Jew, and conforming to the Jewish custom to bid peace to guests. The Hebrew word that is used is שָׁלוֹם *shalom* (or שְׁלוֹמִי *shalowm*) which is used 116 times in Old Testament and translates as 'to be complete or sound, to be in a covenant of peace'.

**Psalms 122:6** \_\_\_\_\_

**Joshua 10:1** \_\_\_\_\_

**Psalms 7:4-5** \_\_\_\_\_

**(2) a state of tranquility; exemption from the rage and havoc of war**

**Revelation 6:3-4** \_\_\_\_\_

**Acts 9:31** \_\_\_\_\_

**(3) peace between individuals, harmony between men**

**Acts 7:26** \_\_\_\_\_

**1 Corinthians 14:33** \_\_\_\_\_

**(4) security, safety, prosperity, felicity**

**Luke 11:21** \_\_\_\_\_

**Luke 8:48** \_\_\_\_\_

(5) Messiah's peace, source of peace, His presence is peace, His reign in Heaven (full of harmony)

**Luke 2:14** \_\_\_\_\_

**Luke 1:76-79** \_\_\_\_\_

**Luke 19:37-38** \_\_\_\_\_

**Acts 10:36** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\* (6) Our peace; our position with God; *"the tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Christ, and so fearing nothing from God and content with its earthly lot, of what-so-ever sort that is"* (quoted from Thayer's Greek Lexicon)**

**Romans 8:6** \_\_\_\_\_

**2 Peter 3:14** \_\_\_\_\_

**Romans 5:1-2** \_\_\_\_\_

**Ephesians 2:13-16** \_\_\_\_\_

### **d.ii. poiéma**

*poiéma* is translated as 'a thing made, work, workmanship'

**Romans 1:20** \_\_\_\_\_

**Ephesians 2:10** \_\_\_\_\_.

### **e. Putting it together**

As Christians, we are peacemakers. We are his workmanship of rightness, peace with God.

### **B. "... they will be called sons of God" –**

The Greek is literally written as "*for the sons of God they will be called.*"

Who are these sons of God?

**Romans 8:14-15** \_\_\_\_\_

**Romans 8:19** \_\_\_\_\_

## Philippians 2:14-16

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## 1 John 3:1-2

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The sons of God are Christians, believers in Jesus the Christ.

### **III. CONCLUSION/APPLICATION**

*“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God..” Matthew 5:9*

This is difficult to sum up into a simple application. We are at peace with God. We are at peace with the creator, ruler and sovereign of the universe. We are now spiritually in a perfect position of peace.

## Colossians 3:15-16

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The word “rule in your heart” is translation of “*brabeuō hymeis kardia*”. *Brabeuō* is only used once in New Testament and is translated to mean ‘to be a director or arbiter in the public games; to preside, direct, rule, govern; to be predominate’. Are we practicing that our peace with God is the dominate judge to rule our hearts to show peace to all men.

## Romans 12:18

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## Hebrews 12:14

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You are *shalom* (‘to be complete or sound, to be in a covenant of peace’) with God !!!

### **Resources:**

New American Standard Bible, NASB, Lochmann Foundation

New King James Bible, NKJV, Thomas Nelson

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