

Introduction

- I. We should want to be a church of peacemakers, dealing with conflict and sin in the way God calls us to deal with it.
- II. The text teaches us the blessedness of peacemaking God's way.

Peacemakers: (1) The Blessed Peacemakers

- I. **The Idea** - what is a peacemaker?
 - A. We learn what peacemaking is from God, Who is the Peacemaker.
 - B. Peacemaking is the right, godly response to conflict that arises in our lives; the right response to sins committed against us.
 1. We need to learn about peacemaking because there is conflict in our lives.
 2. A peacemaker sees conflict as an opportunity to glorify God, serve others, and grow to be like Christ.
 - II. **The Activity** - what does a peacemaker look like? What does he do? How does he live? (
 - A. What peacemaking is not:
 - B. A peacemaker deals with conflict and sin in God's way.
 - III. **The Blessing** - Jesus emphasizes the great blessedness of peacemakers to encourage.
 - A. The text teaches there is joy and blessing found in being a peacemaker.
 - B. The particular blessing for peacemakers is they shall be called the children of God.