

Introduction

- I. Peacemaking is addressing sin and conflict God's way.
- II. We learn from this passage the first step of peacemaking: cast out the log out of our own eye.

Peacemakers: (2) Casting Out the Log

I. The Instructional Figure

- A. With the figure of the log and sliver, Jesus is teaching us how to deal with sins committed against us or sins that we see others committing.
- B. Jesus addresses the self-righteous, hypocritical, distorted way we often judge the sins of others in comparison to ours: they have the log and I have the sliver.
- C. Jesus' command: first cast the beam out of your own eye and then we shall see clearly to cast the sliver out of someone else's eye.

II. The Necessary Viewpoint

- A. When we approach conflict from this perspective, we are deeply humbled, in contrast to the self-righteous perspective that the problem is found in others.
- B. Then we see clearly whether or now we ought even to address the sins of someone else.

III. The Foundational Truth

- A. Here the sharp rebuke of Jesus in vs. 2 and then vs. 5, "Thou hypocrite." These sharp words of Jesus touch each one of our souls.
- B. We are able to judge genuinely, as those who know God's grace and mercy in Christ.