

# **This Way to Happiness: Wanted--Peacemakers**

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## I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Matthew 5:9.
- B. Everybody wants to be a peacemaker and not a troublemaker.
- C. Peace means more than the absence of hostility.
- D. The Bible word for peace means total well being.
- E. There are four facts we ought to consider to have a ministry of peace.

## II. The source of peace is God.

- A. One of God's names is the "God of Peace."
- B. God's nature is at peace. God is at perfect peace with himself.
- C. God is at peace as to his will. (Jeremiah 29:11)
- D. Peace is to be proclaimed.
  - 1. Not all unity is good, and not all unity is bad.
  - 2. Before God declares war, he always declares peace. (Luke 2)
  - 3. Our ministry is one of reconciliation. (Luke 19:41, 2 Corinthians 5)

## III. The enemy of peace is sin.

- A. Wherever there is sin there is war. (James 4)
  - 1. Christians are at war with each other because they are at war with themselves.
  - 2. People are at war with themselves because they are at war with God in pride. (Isaiah 32:17)

## IV. The minister of peace is the Christian.

- A. It is hard to pray for more understanding when someone is difficult.
- B. Unless we have God's nature, we cannot be a peacemaker.
- C. The first peacemaking we have to do is with our brothers and sisters in Christ. (Matthew 25:1; 18)
- D. We must love our enemies also.

## V. The blessing of peace is becoming more like God.

### **Application questions:**

1. How would you describe biblical peace?

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2. What is the source of factions among people in the church? Explain.

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3. What areas of your life or influence do you need to bring peace to? Explain.

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