

From the Pastor's Heart

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they
shall be called the sons of God.”

Matthew 5:9

Dearly Beloved,

Blessings to You in the Risen Savior – Jesus Christ!

Peacemakers relieve tension, they do not intensify it! Peacemakers seek solutions and find no delight in arguments. Peacemakers calm the waters and don't trouble them. Peacemakers work hard to keep an offense from occurring. And if it occurs, they strive for resolution. Peacemakers lower their voices rather than raise them. Peacemakers generate more light than heat. Blessed indeed, are such great-hearted souls!

Let us make no mistake in understanding the Christ-like peacemaker!

Peacemaker is not a synonym for *Appeaser*. This is not peace at any price. Standing by and smiling at wrongdoing or erroneous teaching does not simplify life, it complicates it. Failing to speak the truth in love is not peacemaking – it is enabling and endorsing that which is opposed to God's order.

When Jesus blessed the peacemakers, He was extolling the value of doing all we can to maintain harmony and support unity. His interest was making peace even where the seeds of discontent and disunity are sown.

Dear friends, let us move in the divine-action of being a peace-giving drink of the water of Jesus' life in all we do, say, and encounter every day of our life! For this is *the Gospel in action transforming one life at a time!*

En agape'

Pastor Bill

