

Intro:

Main Point of Text: Jesus says the ones who are called children of God are offering the peace of their Father to others.

Sermon Point: *Peacemakers Enjoy the Prince's Peace.*

Move 1: Peacemaking is not keeping the peace at all costs, which really just leads to war.

“peacemakers”: Greek, “peace-doers”. Not peace-keepers (appeasers). Jer. 6:14/8:11: *They have healed also the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace.* Ezek. 13:10, 16: ... *they have seduced my people, saying, Peace; and there was no peace ... the prophets of Israel which prophesy concerning Jerusalem, and which see visions of peace for her, and there is no peace, saith the Lord GOD.* Isa. 57:21: *There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked;* So, no peace for the Church when they are appeased. Lk. 11:17. Rom. 12:18: *If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.* Heb. 12:14: *Follow peace with all men, and holiness ...* Jesus: *Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword.* (Matt. 10:34)

Move 2: Peacemaking actively reconciles at great personal cost, which alone creates real peace.

“shall be called”: summoned. 1 Cor. 1:9. Not peace-breakers. Ps. 122/133 in our hearts. Rom. 14:17-19; 1 Tim. 3:3. Not looking to win a fight, but a person. Rom. 16:17. Look for churchman, statesmen. *Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.* (Ps. 34:14) ... *the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace* (James 3:17-18). You go through great personal cost to help make peace between you and other people. Being reconciled, you seek to reconcile: 2 Cor. 5:18-21. Your message as a messenger of God must be the same as the angels at Christ's birth: *Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.* (Lk. 2:14)

Move 3: God made you His sons of peace at the cost of His Own Son, the Prince of Peace.

“children of God”. Have already made their peace with God. Rom. 5:1-2: *Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ ...* New relationship through the Mediator, *The Prince of Peace.* (Isa. 9:6) Real, eternal peace with God, yourself, and others only can come from God through Jesus. Col. 1:20; Eph. 2:14-15. The Gospel offers peace through receiving the Prince of Peace: Rom 10:15). This proclamation includes: 2 Tim. 2:22. For the fruit of the Spirit of the Prince of Peace is peace (Gal. 5:22) And more of His peace comes with making more peace. 2 Cor. 13:11; Eph. 4:3.

Conclusion:

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