

**The Beatitudes**  
**“The Peacemakers”**  
**The Week of May 26, 2024**  
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“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God...”

- What is “peace” and what does it mean to “make peace”?
  
- Read Jeremiah 8:10-11. One of the effects of our sin is that we develop false strategies for making peace. What are some examples of those kinds of strategies?
  
- Read Ephesians 2:12. How does the apostle Paul describe our lack of peace?
  
- Read Ephesians 2:13-18. What two aspects of peace does Jesus Christ achieve? How are they related to each other?
  
- Peacemakers are blessed because they live in freedom as sons of God. The one who knows God’s peace pursues a life of right relationships. Consider one area or relationship in which you are called to be a peacemaker:
  - What does a peacemaker do (or not do) here?
  - What does a peacemaker risk here?
  - How does a peacemaker enjoy the blessings of being a son of God here?
  
- Pray together in light of this week’s beatitude.