



new life fellowship

Sermon Title: The Beatitudes, Part 3

Speaker: Rich Villodas – Lead Pastor

Scriptures: Matthew 5: 9-11

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Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

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Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.

Sermon Summary:

This Sunday, we will continue our series on The Narrow Path. Pastor Rich will lead us through the last 3 beatitudes of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. We will spend most of our time focusing on what it means to be a peacemaker.

Sermon Questions:

1. What similarities do you see with what was happening in Jesus' time and what is happening now?
2. How would you describe true peacemaking? What do you think false peacemaking is?

We often think it means being a peacekeeper
Peacekeeping leads to false peace
Peacemaking leads to true peace

A peacemaker is someone who is actively seeking to reconcile people to God and to one another.

Peacemaking is an act of disruption while seeking to resist disconnection.

“Negative peace is the absence of tension... but positive peace is the presence of Justice. It's the presence of right relationship with God, with our neighbor and with ourselves.” Dr. King

3. In what ways have you struggled with peacemaking in your own life? Perhaps there is one of the items on the list below that has been especially difficult for you.

Peacemaking requires

- Reflecting on how your family handled conflict
- Viewing conflict as a normal reality of life
- A life devoted to prayerful reflection
- The courage to speak
- The humility to listen

4. In what ways did Jesus embody the beatitudes we studied today? Give specific examples if you can.

The Gospel says:

**In Christ we have peace with God and now we can make peace with others
Blessed are the peacemakers**

**In Christ, those who are harmed because of righteousness will be vindicated by
God
Blessed are those who are persecuted**

Jesus is the perfect embodiment of the beatitudes