

The gospel according to

MATTHEW

[5 : 9]

Part 20

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WE LEARNED:

PEACE WITH GOD

Romans 5:1 ... Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Peace there—The war is over. You are no longer an enemy of God.

1

Peace with God is to heavily influence peace with others.

(Matthew 18)

Ephesians 4 : 32 Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

2

We have not yet talked about the peace of God

(Philippians 4 : 6 – 8)

3

We briefly covered the reason why there is no peace...

(James 3 : 13 -18 ; James 4 : 1 - ff)

MATTHEW 5 : 43 - 48

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' ⁴⁴ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ **so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven.** For He makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. ⁴⁶ For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?

MATTHEW 5 : 43 - 48

⁴⁷ And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸ You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

JOHN 17 : 11

And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, which You have given Me, that they may be one, even as We are **one**.

JOHN 17 : 20 - 23

"I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be **one**, just as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You have sent Me. ²² The glory that you have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one even as We are **one**, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly **one**, so that the world may know that You sent Me and loved them even as You loved Me.

Illustrations of Peacemakers

PHILIPPIANS 1 : 12 - 18

I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³ so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴ And most of the brothers, having become confident in

PHILIPPIANS 1 : 12 – 18 cont.

the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. ¹⁵ Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. ¹⁶ The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. ¹⁷ The former proclaim Christ out of rivalry, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment. ¹⁸ **What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice.**

1 CORINTHIANS 6 : 1 - 11

When one of you has a grievance against another, does he dare go to law before the unrighteous instead of the saints? ² Or do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is to be judged by you, are you incompetent to try trivial cases? ³ Do you not know that we are to judge angels? How much more, then, matters pertaining to this life! ⁴ So if you have such cases, why do you lay them before those who have no standing in the

1 CORINTHIANS 6 : 1 - 11

church? ⁵ I say this to your shame. Can it be that there is no one among you wise enough to settle a dispute between the brothers, ⁶ but brother goes to law against brother, and that before unbelievers? ⁷ To have lawsuits at all with one another is already a defeat for you. **Why not rather suffer wrong? Why not rather be defrauded?** ⁸ But you yourselves wrong and defraud—even your own brothers! ⁹ Do you not know that the unrighteous will not

1 CORINTHIANS 6 : 1 - 11

inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

ROMANS 12 : 18

If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

Note the hard work...and note the importance of right thinking.
(Romans 12 : 9 – 21)

COLOSSIANS 3 : 12 – 17

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³ bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ **And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.**

COLOSSIANS 3 : 12 – 17

¹⁶**Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.** ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

MATTHEW 5 : 23 – 24

So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

**IN GRAY AREAS,
TWO BELIEVERS
CAN COME TO
DIAMETRICALLY
OPPOSED
POSITIONS...
AND BOTH BE RIGHT
BEFORE GOD**



5 Principles of
Peacemaking...

**[When it comes to gray
areas—in other words—
disputable matters]**

Romans 14 : 1 - 15 : 13

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**Learn to distinguish
between matters of
command & matters of
freedom.**

②

**In debatable issues
(gray areas) cultivate
your own conviction.**

③

**Allow your brother the
freedom to be true to
his own conscience—
even when it differs
from yours.**

4

Let your liberty be limited, when necessary — by love

5

Follow Christ as the model & motivator of servanthood.

ROMANS 14 : 17 - 22

For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. ¹⁸ Whoever thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men. ¹⁹ So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding. ²⁰ Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God. Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong for anyone to make another stumble by what he eats. ²¹ It is good not to eat meat

ROMANS 14 : 17 - 22

or drink wine or do anything that causes your brother to stumble. ²² The faith that you have, keep between yourself and God. Blessed is the one who has no reason to pass judgment on himself for what he approves.

Your conscience is crucial – don't violate It!

ROMANS 15 : 1 - 3

¹ We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. ² Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. ³ For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me."

ROMANS 15 : 5 - 7

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶ that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷ Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

HABAKKUK 3 : 17 - 19

Though the fig tree should not blossom,
nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of
the olive fail and the fields yield no food,
the flock be cut off from the fold and there
be no herd in the stalls, ¹⁸ yet I will rejoice
in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my
salvation. ¹⁹ God, the Lord, is my strength;
he makes my feet like the deer's;
he makes me tread on my high places.

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