

THE GOOD LIFE

Happy Are the Peacemakers

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Jesus says peacemakers will be (blessed) happy (Matthew 5:9 CSB)

Peacemaking is about _____:

- 1) Love _____ that God in Christ made peace with us through the _____.
(Romans 5:10, Romans 12:18)
- 2) Love _____ how we have failed to love each other as siblings in Christ.
(Colossians 3:11-16)

“Typical white Baptists in the South viewed civil rights as at best irrelevant to the Christian faith and at worst a threat to their culture.” - historians Thomas Kidd and Barry Hankins, *Baptists in America: A History*.

- 3) Love _____ to consider their siblings in Christ better than themselves.
(Philippians 2:3-8)
- 4) Love _____ our lives as ambassadors of reconciliation (peace). (2
Corinthians 5:18)

Soul-tattoo: Read Peacemaking Prayer with me

Holy Spirit,
Blow up the doors of my heart so the peacemaking grace of the Lord Jesus can come in.
Open my mind to the reality that it was His grace that eternally changed my status from foe to
friend, from enemy to family.
Father,
In Christ, Your beloved Son, I am now a child of Yours. I now have Your DNA swirling and pulsating in
me and through You.
Jesus, our King,
Release Your peacemaking love through me.
May I cast seeds of peace wherever I go so they can take root, mature, and produce fruit to feed the
world.
In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Spirit, amen.

Action Step: Daily Read Peacemaking Prayer (*The Good Life*, 186).