

The 7th Beatitude by Bishop John Rodgers

“Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the sons of God”

Matthew 5:9

One: introduction

Two: 3 General Remarks

Three: 3 points on Peacemakers

Four: The Peace we receive from God

Exposition of Ephesians 1:1-14

Verse 2 grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ

Verse 3 Peace includes every Spiritual blessing

Verses 4-6 Blessings from the Father

Predestination to life

Adopted as sons to Himself

The praise of His grace

Verses 7-10 Blessings from the Son

Redemption through His blood

Forgiveness of our trespasses

Lavished on us the riches of His grace

Revealed His will to perfect all in Christ

Verses 11-14 Blessings from the Spirit

Sealed with the Spirit as guarantee of our inheritance

Five: Serving God as Peacemakers

- 1. Evangelism and Sharing**
- 2. At peace within**
- 3. A call to the brethren**
- 4. Secular peacemaking**

Part 6: Who calls us “Sons of God”?