

# “Be” Attitudes

## Peaceful

### Review

- Jesus preached the “Sermon on the Mount” in Matthew 5, 6, & 7 and Luke 6
- He begins this sermon with the eight Beatitudes.
  - A beatitude is “the declaration of blessedness made by our Savior to particular r virtues.” – Webster’s 1828
- Each is tied to a state of blessedness – “Blessed are the...”
  - This is more than just being happy or fortunate.
  - It is to be content, fulfilled, and prosperous in a spiritual and not physical sense.
- In these short phrases, Christ illustrates what the attitude of a believer should be.

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- “Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.” – Matthew 5:9
- *Peaceful* means “Quiet; undisturbed; not in a state of war or commotion; as a peaceful time; a peaceful country.” – Webster’s 1828
- By being a *peacemaker*, we are to not only strive to not cause problems, but also to help solve problems in relationships.
- God is the author of peace – I Corinthians 14:33
- This starts within one’s heart: possessing, loving, and sharing peace
  - We have peace with God through Christ – Romans 5:1
    - This is the foundation of peace within and without.
  - The Holy Spirit works to bring peace within us and through us – Galatians 5:22
- We are to model this inward peace with God in our interactions with others – Colossians 3:13
  - This includes unbelievers – Romans 12:18
  - This includes fellow believers – Romans 12:10
- By modeling God’s peace, we are a witness to the world around us – John 13:35
- BONUS – “Pray for the peace of Jerusalem” – Psalm 122:6
- “they shall be called the children of God” – by receiving God’s peace then exemplifying it by our character