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**Message Series:** Finding... Joy

**Today's Message:** Happiness Thru Peacemaking

Hebrews 12:14 "Pursue peace with all people and holiness without which no one will see the Lord."

Psalms 31:14 "Turn away from evil and do good, seek peace and pursue it."

Matthew 5:9 "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God."

\* "The followers of Jesus... maintain fellowship where others would break it off. They \_\_\_\_\_ all self-assertion and quietly suffer in the face of hatred and wrong. In so doing they overcome evil with good and establish the peace of God in a world of war and hate." ~Bonhoeffer

### 1. The \_\_\_\_\_ For Peace

**Truth:** Millions would give anything to find peace—deep, inward \_\_\_\_\_ peace. Escaping Reality... Make More Money... New Friends... Escape Spouse... More Knowledge

**Simple Fact:** There can be \_\_\_\_\_ peace in your world until we have peace with God.

Ephesians 2:13, 14 "But now in Christ Jesus you who were once far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace."

### 2. The \_\_\_\_\_ To Peace

1) **Stop resisting** God, quit pushing Him away

John 14:27

2) **Start Surrendering** to His love

2 Chronicles 30:8 "Do not be stubborn... submit yourselves to the Lord... Serve the Lord your God so that His fierce anger will turn away..."

Romans 5:1 "Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God (Literally: "peace facing God") because of what Christ our Lord has done for us."

**To Have Both:** Peace with God and the Peace of God... Are Not \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Becoming A Peacemaker

\* Being Humbled and Hungry for God's Glory—true followers of Christ take \_\_\_\_\_:  
2 Corinthians 5:8

\* "God—who reconciled us to Himself thru Christ... gave us the ministry of reconciliation."

1) **We are to be** Christ-like making peace—\_\_\_\_\_ when people around us crash.

2) **In our homes**, with our spouses and children: 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 "Love is patient and kind... not jealous or boastful... not arrogant or rude... believes the best... endures all things."

3) **Serous Christ-Followers** are to be “peacemakers” in our community: Philippians 2:15 “*Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people.*”

\* **Be Aware:** This means God’s courage in us to take RISKS.

#### **4. The Reward of Peacemaking**

\* **Peacemakers:** “shall be called the children of God” - Matthew 5:9

\* **As God’s Children:** we are promised God’s eternal blessings in His eternal Kingdom

\* John 14:27

Hebrews 6:10 “*For God is not unjust. He will not forget how hard you have worked for Him and how you have shown your love for Him by caring for other believers...*”