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*What is happening at Scarborough Baptist Church?*



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It is so great that we can meet together as God's people this morning to honour and worship Him and place ourselves under his Word. We are continuing our focus on the beatitudes and today we will be looking at Jesus' pronouncement that the peacemakers will be called God's children.

"THE DECISIVE contradiction of the kingdom of God against all concealed or blatant kingdoms of force is to be seen quite simply in the fact that it invalidates the whole friend-foe relationship between one human and another.... The disciples are told: 'Love your enemies!' (Matt. 5:44). This is the end of the whole friend-foe relationship, for when we love our enemy he ceases to be our enemy. It thus abolishes the whole exercise of force, which presupposes this relationship, and has no meaning apart from it.... In conformity with the New Testament, one can be pacifist not in principle but only in practice (praktisch Pazifist). But let everyone consider very carefully whether, being called to discipleship, it is possible to avoid – or permissible to neglect – becoming a practical pacifist!"

—Karl Barth, Church Dogmatics IV/2, pp. 549-50 (KD IV/2, p. 622).

THE FOLLOWERS of Jesus have been called to peace. When he called them they found their peace, for he is their peace. But now they are told that they must not only have peace but make it. And to that end they renounce all violence and tumult.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship*

NOW PEACEMAKING is a divine work. For peace means reconciliation, and God is the author of peace and of reconciliation. ... It is hardly surprising, therefore, that the particular blessing which attaches to peacemakers is that "they shall be called sons of God." For they are seeking to do what their Father has done, loving people with his love.

John R. W. Stott, *The Message of the Sermon on the Mount*

BEING A PEACEMAKER is part of being surrendered to God, for God brings peace. We abandon the effort to get our needs met through the destruction of enemies. God comes to us in Christ to make peace with us, and we participate in God's grace as we go to our enemies to make peace.

Glen H. Stassen and David P. Gushee, *Kingdom Ethics*

[N]O ONE has ever been converted by violence.

Jim Forest, *The Ladder of the Beatitudes*

[MANY CHRISTIANS] demand that the Ten Commandments be posted in public buildings. ... I haven't heard one of them demand that the Sermon on the Mount, the Beatitudes, be posted anywhere. "Blessed are the merciful" in a courtroom? "Blessed are the peacemakers" in the Pentagon?

Kurt Vonnegut, "Cold Turkey," In These Times

Making peace makes us God's children—and kin to each other.

Michael H. Crosby, Spirituality of the Beatitudes

Christianity Today June 21, 2022

"Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God." The followers of Jesus have been called to peace. When he called them they found their peace, for he is their peace. But now they are told that they must not only have peace but make it. And to that end they renounce all violence and tumult. In the cause of Christ nothing is to be gained by such methods. His kingdom is one of peace, and the mutual greeting of his flock is a greeting of peace. His disciples keep the peace by choosing to endure suffering themselves rather than inflict it on others. They maintain fellowship where others would break it off. They renounce 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 the midst of a world of war and hate. But nowhere will that peace be more manifest than where they meet the wicked in peace and are ready to suffer at their hands. The peacemakers will carry the cross with their Lord, for it was on the cross that peace was made. Now that they are partners in Christ's work of reconciliation, they are called the sons of God as he is the Son of God.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, The Cost of Discipleship, 126, 127.

**Sunday** - Morning Worship at 10 am; Sundays@6 - Meet and Outreach service.

**Tuesday** - Craft group 9.00 til 11.30 am

**Thursday** - Mainly Music 10.30 am; Bible Study 7 pm at the church

**Friday** - Japanese Kids Outreach

Other activities:

**Mentoring** at the Primary School - see Chad

**Lark** Refreshment Centre - Tuesday to Saturday - volunteers welcome

If you would like to know more about being **baptised**, please speak to one of the pastors. Baptismal classes have already started but catch-up sessions are also available..

Jesus saw the crowds and went up a hill, where he sat down. His disciples gathered around him, and he began to teach them:

True Happiness

3 "Happy are those who know they are spiritually poor;  
the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them!

4 "Happy are those who mourn;  
God will comfort them!

5 "Happy are those who are humble;  
they will receive what God has promised!

6 "Happy are those whose greatest desire is to do what God requires;  
God will satisfy them fully!

7 "Happy are those who are merciful to others;  
God will be merciful to them!

8 "Happy are the pure in heart;  
they will see God!

9 "Happy are those who work for peace;  
God will call them his children!

10 "Happy are those who are persecuted because they do what God requires;  
the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them!

11 "Happy are you when people insult you and persecute you and tell all kinds of evil lies against you because you are my followers. 12 Be happy and glad, for a great reward is kept for you in heaven. This is how the prophets who lived before you were persecuted.

Praise the Lord for the ministry of Lark. Pray that the Lord will continue to provide pathways to share the good news of Jesus to those who visit.

Pray that more people will attend the small groups to draw closer to each other and the Lord

Let us pray for the members of our families who are not serving the Lord at the moment.

Please pray for the finances of the church. Our giving has taken a significant dip over the past year and we look to God to supply all our needs.