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Matthew 5:1-20

How's that for an Introduction to a Sermon?

"Unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven."

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This is about Salvation & Transformation

How am I saved?

What does it matter if I'm transformed or not?

"With each beatitude another nail is driven into the coffin of a a false understanding of salvation."

John Piper

That false understanding believes that a person can be saved without being transformed.

That false understanding believes that we can inherit eternal life even if our attitudes and actions are like the attitudes and actions of unbelievers.

One after another the beatitudes tell us that the blessings of eternity will be given only to those who become new creatures. Those who are transformed.

Blessed are the merciful... for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart... for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers... for they will be called children of God.

But what if we don't receive mercy?

What if we don't see God?

What if we're not called children of God?

Like I said... Quite an introduction to a sermon!

To be a child of God is to be a <u>peacemaker</u>.

But how?



Friday, August 25 (7-9pm)

Saturday, August 26 (9am-3pm)

Sunday, August 27 (All 3 Services)

General Session

Conflict Resolution Wkshp

Worship Service

1. Peacemaking doesn't happen in our own strength.

~ Ephesians 3:20

2. We become children of God (& peacemakers) by faith.

~ Galatians 3:26

~ John 1:12

3. Peacemakers (children of God) reflect the character of their Father.

- ~ 1 Thess. 5:23-24
- ~ Hebrews 13:20-21

4. Peace is ultimately a Person.

~ John 14:23-27