



#Blessed?

The Peace of God

Recap



**Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.**

Matthew 5:7-8

Recap

**Mercy is the action,
Purity is the reaction**



Recap


“Then the righteous (pure) will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

Matthew 25:37-39

Recap

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“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’ vs 40



“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



internal to external


Step 1-Poor in Spirit, Salvation

Step 2-Mourn/Comfort, Reaction

Step 3-Meek/Inherit, Direction

Step 4-Hunger/Righteous, Growth

Step 5-Mercy/Purity, Mission



“In the end, reconciliation is a spiritual process, which requires more than just a legal framework. It has to happen in the hearts and minds of people.”

Nelson Mandela

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**Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called
children of God. Matthew 5:9**

Peacemaker



There's something about being a peacemaker that God considers to be an accurate and suitable representation of himself

Peacemaker



The Greek word for “peacemaker” is eirenopoios. Matthew 5:8 is the only place in the **entire Bible – OT and NT where you’ll find the word.**

Peacemaker



“The peacemaker of whom Christ refers is not one who settles disagreements and disputes of others. This beatitude is a passage on reconciliation and sonship to God and involves the Biblical premise of peace with God.” Rick Calvert

Peacemaker



You adulterers! Don't you realize that friendship with the world makes you an enemy of God? I say it again: If you want to be a friend of the world, you make yourself an enemy of God. James 4:4

Peacemaker

**Jesus is not a peacemaker,
He IS peace**



Peacemaker

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“Do not suppose that I have come to bring **peace** to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword.”

Matthew 10:34

Peacemaker

For I have come to turn
“a man against his father,
a daughter against her mother,
a daughter-in-law against her
mother-in-law—a man’s enemies
will be the members of his own
household.” vs 35-36

Peacemaker



“Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me **is not worthy of me” vs 37-38**

Peacemaker



For **he himself is our peace**, who has made the **two groups one** and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing **wall of hostility**, **Ephesians 2:14**

Child of God

Names were important in the ancient world. Allowing someone to take your name for themselves showed trust that that person would uphold your honour and name, and not blemish it or profane it. Hence the reason for the third commandment against taking the LORD's name in vain. **There's meaning in a name that must be respected.**

Child of God



But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. Galatians 4:4-5 (Romans 8:15, 23, 9:4, Ephesians 1:5)

Child of God

A black and white photograph of a hand reaching out, with the text 'Child of God' overlaid at the top. The hand is positioned in the center-right of the frame, with fingers slightly spread. The background is dark, making the hand and text stand out.

**It is not with any exaggeration
to say that the central theme
of the Gospel is adoption**

Child of God

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In the Roman law and culture of the first century A.D. an affluent but childless adult who wanted an heir would adopt a post-pubescent male, often a slave, to be his son.

Child of God



Parents expected children to bring both honour and longevity to the family name. Children inherited the wealth of their parents and also received the full effects of the family name, honour, responsibilities, traditions, and position.

Child of God



Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.
Matthew 7:21

Child of God

**To be a child of God was to speak
for God, represent God in this world**



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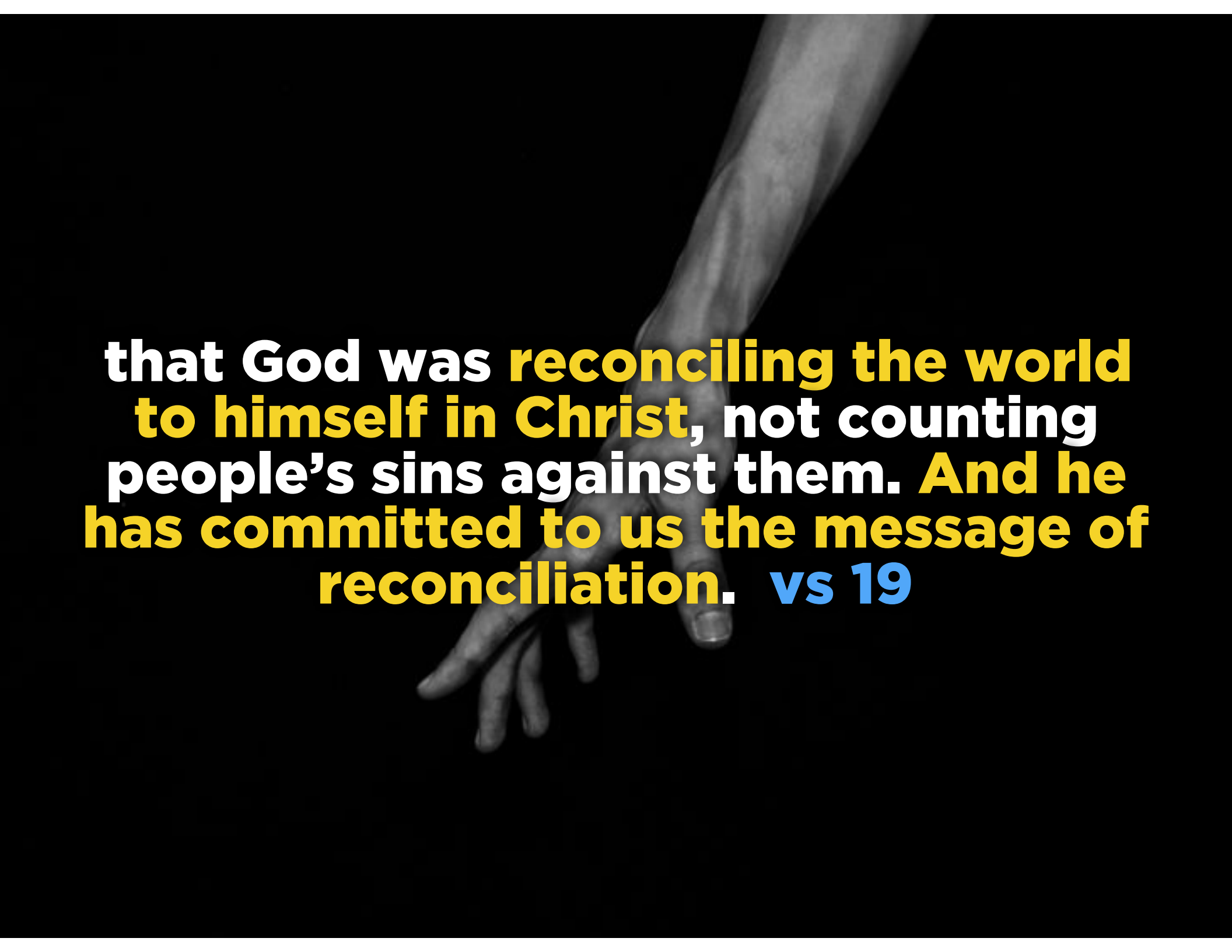
See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! **And that is what we are!** **1 John 3:1**

A black and white photograph of a hand reaching out, with the text overlaid on it. The hand is positioned in the center-right of the frame, with fingers slightly spread. The background is dark and out of focus.

It is a blessing to help others find peace with their Creator by showing them what authentic relationship with God looks like. These people are worthy to be called children of their heavenly Father

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All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 2 Corinthians 5:18

A grayscale image of a hand reaching down, symbolizing reconciliation or support. The hand is positioned in the upper right quadrant of the frame, with fingers slightly curled. The background is dark, making the hand stand out. The text is overlaid on the image, with the main message in white and yellow, and the reference 'vs 19' in blue.

**that God was reconciling the world
to himself in Christ, not counting
people's sins against them. And he
has committed to us the message of
reconciliation. vs 19**

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**We are therefore Christ's ambassadors,
as though **God were making his appeal
through us.** We implore you on Christ's
behalf: Be reconciled to God. **vs 20****