



SERMON ON THE **MOUNT**

**"Purity, Peacemaking,
and Persecution"**
Matthew 5:8-12

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Big Idea

Jesus Christ is the pure and spotless Lamb. He made a way for us to have peace with God enduring persecution on the cross for His people. Therefore, Christians should live a certain way because we have been called by this certain One.

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⁷But Yahweh said to Samuel, “Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but Yahweh looks at the heart.”

1 Samuel 16:7

**²Every man’s way is right in his own eyes,
But Yahweh weighs the hearts.**

Proverbs 21:2

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¹⁵And He said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves in the sight of men, but God knows your hearts, for that which is highly esteemed among men is detestable in the sight of God.

Luke 16:15

**⁹“The heart is more deceitful than all else
And is desperately sick; Who can know it?**

Jeremiah 17:9

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**⁷Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

Psalms 51:7

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- Lloyd-jones- “no one else can see God, because only the pure in heart could stand the sight of Him, to look at God is Hell to a man unless he has been made pure of heart.”**

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³And there will no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His slaves will serve Him; ⁴and they will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads.

Revelation 22:3-4

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²Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not been manifested as yet what we will be. We know that when He is manifested, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is.

1 John 3:2

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- Guard your hearts Church and know that He wants them pure and can make them pure.**

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- Peacemaking is a Christian characteristic.**

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**⁶ For a child will be born to us, a son will be
given to us; And the government will rest on
His shoulders; And His name will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.**

Isaiah 9:6

**¹⁴ For He Himself is our peace, who made both
groups one and broke down the dividing wall
of the partition**

Ephesians 2:14

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**⁵ And this One will be peace.
When the Assyrian enters our land,
When he treads on our citadels,
Then we will raise against him
Seven shepherds and eight princes of men.
Micah 5:5**

**⁷⁹To shine upon those who sit in darkness and
the shadow of death, To direct our feet into the
way of peace.”**

Luke 1:79

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**¹⁴ Pursue peace with all men, and the
sanctification without which no one will see
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Hebrews 12:14

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- Luther- “Peace if possible, the truth at all costs”**

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³⁴ “Do not think that I came to bring peace on the earth; I did not come to bring peace, but a sword.

Matthew 10:34

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¹² For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12

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**² He has set My mouth like a sharp sword;
In the shadow of His hand He has concealed
Me; And He has also set Me as a select arrow;
He has hidden Me in His quiver.**

Isaiah 49:2

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¹⁵ And from His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the wrath of the rage of God, the Almighty.

Revelation 19:15

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- Can peace be made by way of the sword?

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Matthew 5:10-11

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- The blessed life is tied to suffering for the
sake of righteousness.**

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**²² And you will be hated by all because of My
name, but it is the one who has endured to the
end who will be saved.**

Matthew 10:22

**²⁹ For to you it has been granted for Christ's
sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to
suffer for His sake,**

Philippians 1:29

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**¹² Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ
Jesus will be persecuted.**

2 Timothy 3:12

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**¹⁸ “If the world hates you, know that it has
hated Me before it hated you.**

John 15:18

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**- Jc Ryle- “true Christianity will cost a man the
favor of the world. He must be content to
thought of I’ll by man if he pleases God. He
must count it no strange thing to be mocked,
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- We can rejoice and be exceedingly glad for
at least 2 reasons:**
 - 1. The reward is great.**
 - 2. We are not alone.**

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¹⁹ For in Him all the fullness of God was
pleased to dwell,
²⁰ And through Him to reconcile all things to
Himself, having made peace through the blood
of His cross—through Him—whether things on
earth or things in heaven.

Colossians 1:19-20

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¹¹ And they overcame him because of the
blood of the Lamb and because of the word of
their witness, and they did not love their life
even to death.

Revelation 12:11

The gospel is the good news that the just and gracious God of the universe looked upon hopelessly sinful people and sent His only Son, Jesus Christ, God in human flesh, to bear His wrath against sin on the cross and to show His power over sin in the resurrection so that everyone who turns from their sin (repentance) and believes in Him (faith) will be reconciled to God forever.

Conclusion

G. The Gospel Definition

H. Christian, what impact are you making for Christ and His kingdom?