

Introduction

Matthew 5:9

I. The Need for Peacemakers or

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A) The kingdom of God needs peacemakers...
...the Church of Jesus Christ needs bridge-builders...

B) Some interesting bridges:

1. Cape Cod Canal Bridge
2. Brooklyn Bridge
3. Golden Gate Bridge
4. Sydney Harbor Bridge
5. Leonard P. Zakim Bunker Hill Memorial Bridge
6. Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel
7. "Old Bridge" of Mostar, Bosnia-Herzegovina

Romans 12:18
Hebrews 13:20

II. Peace & Unity are Today

Isaiah 9:6
Revelation 20:1-6
Psalm 133:1-2
Psalm 133:3
John 17:20-23
John 13:35

III. How Do You Become a _____ (A Bridge-Builder)?

**John 14:27
Romans 4:25-5:1
Romans 8:6
Philippians 4:7
Colossians 3:15
Galatians 5:22
James 3:18
Proverbs 16:7
Matthew 5:9**

III. So How Do You _____ A Bridge of Peace?

A) Be willing to take the initiative

**Romans 12:18-21
Romans 12:18
Romans 14:19
Matthew 18:15-17**

B) Be willing to admit your faults

**Ephesians 6:1-2
Ephesians 4:2-3
Matthew 7:3-5**

C) Be willing to forgive

**James 5:16
Colossians 3:12-15**

D) Be willing to find “common ground”

Romans 14:19

1. We need ethnic and racial bridges
2. We need generational bridges
3. We need bridges to the unchurched

E) Be willing to keep “the big picture” in mind/focus

**John 6:38
John 6:40
2 Peter 3:9
1 Peter 2:9
Revelation 1:6
1 Timothy 2:5
Acts 4:12
John 14:6
Hebrews 12:2
2 Corinthians 5:19
Colossians 1:19-20
Ephesians 2:13-14**

Conclusion