



THE HEALTHY CHURCH

- DEALING WITH
 - DIFFERENCES
 - LIKABILITY
 - CONFLICT



The image depicts a church sanctuary with wooden pews. A vertical, jagged, torn-paper-like line runs down the center, separating the congregation into two distinct groups. The left side shows a group of people, mostly seen from behind, sitting in the pews. The right side shows another group of people, also seen from behind, sitting in the pews. The central area is a plain, light-colored wall. The overall composition suggests a division or conflict within the church community.

CONFLICT IN CHURCH

SOURCE OF CONFLICT

- James 4:1 What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? ² You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight.

DEVASTATING EFFECT OF CONFLICT

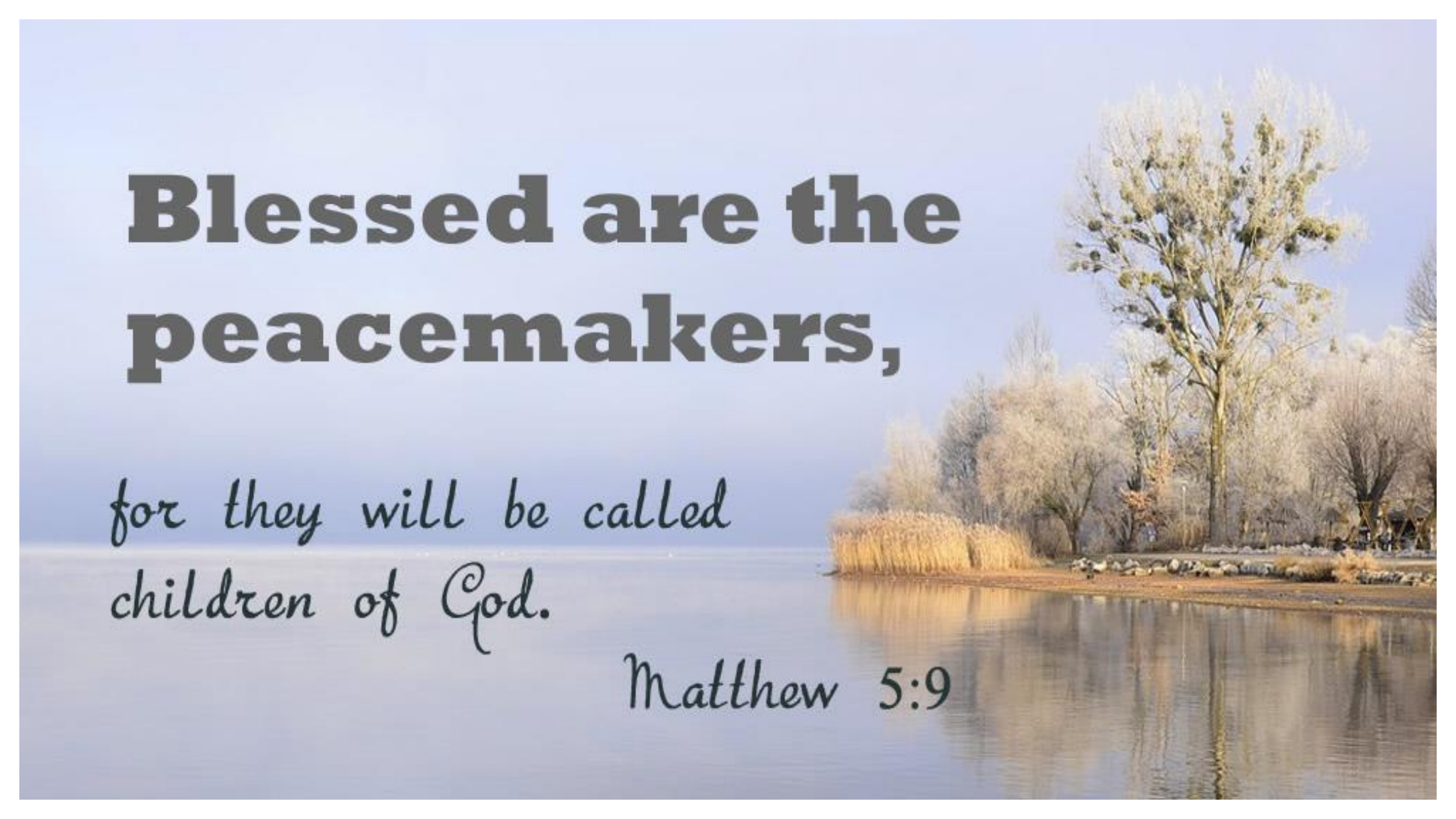
- Hebrews 12: 14 Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. ¹⁵ See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.

Deuteronomy 29

- **18** Make sure there is no man or woman, clan or tribe among you today whose heart turns away from the LORD our God to go and worship the gods of those nations; make sure there is no root among you that produces such bitter poison.

RELATIONAL HARMONY INTERLINKED

- Matt 5:23 “Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you,²⁴ leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift ...”



**Blessed are the
peacemakers,**

*for they will be called
children of God.*

Matthew 5:9

A glass of iced coffee with a straw sits on a white table. The background is a soft-focus sunset over water with boats. The text is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font.

Sensible people
control their
temper; they
earn respect
by overlooking
wrongs.

Proverbs 19:11

**F O R G I V E U S
O U R S I N S , A S
W E H A V E
F O R G I V E N
T H O S E W H O S I N
A G A I N S T U S .**

Matthew 6:12 (NLT)

JAMES 4

- 6 But He gives a greater grace. Therefore *it* says, “GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE.”⁷ Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

HOLY
COMMUNION

