HOW CAN WE KNOW IF WE ARE SAVED?

Are you a peacemaker? Matthew 5:9

- I. THE CONTEXT REVIEWED:
 - **A.** The Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7)
 - **B.** The beatitudes so far (5:1-8)
 - 1. What does blessed mean in this context?
 - **2.** Who are the blessed?
- II. WHAT IS A PEACEMAKER? (5:9, Misc passages)
 - A. THE MEANING OF TRUE PEACE: Being in right relation with God through Christ (Misc passages)
 - 1. A basic definition of peace
 - 2. The world's idea of peace
 - 3. God's revelation concerning true peace
 - (a) True peace cannot be separated from the God of peace, Jesus Christ
 - (b) True peace is not separated from righteousness and truth
 - (c) Man apart from forgiveness of sins in Christ is not at peace with God
 - (d) True peace is only attained through faith in Christ
 - B. THUS...TRUE PEACEMAKERS ARE AT PEACE WITH THE GOD OF PEACE (5:9a)
 - C. TRUE PEACE MAKERS WILL MANIFEST HIS PEACE (5:9a, Misc passages)

III. WHY ARE PEACEMAKERS BLESSED? THEY ARE IN A RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM: They will be called sons of God (5:9b)