

Blessed are the Peacemakers

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Matthew 5:1-9

- 1 Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.
- 2 And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:
- 3 “Blessed are the **poor in spirit**, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 4 “Blessed are those who **mourn**, for they shall be comforted.
- 5 “Blessed are the **meek**, for they shall inherit the earth.
- 6 “Blessed are those who **hunger and thirst for righteousness**, for they shall be satisfied.
- 7 “Blessed are the **merciful**, for they shall receive mercy.
- 8 “Blessed are the **pure in heart**, for they shall see God.
- 9 “Blessed are the **PEACEMAKERS**, for they shall be called sons of God.

- **peacemaker** (*eirenopoios*) *loving peace, making peace, peaceable*

PEACEMAKER

- *called sons of God because they are like their Father in heaven, the ultimate Peacemaker, Who sent Jesus Christ to the earth to make peace between God and man*
- *“peacemaker” is not referring to a tranquil environment, but rather harmonious relationship, seeking the greatest level or depth possible*
- *the peacemaker is willing to surrender any and all selfishness, personal rights and preferences for the sake of relationship*
- *the offense of the Gospel and the Word of God is the only justifiable reason for broken peace or broken relationship*

Hebrews 12:14

“**Strive for peace with everyone**, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.”

Romans 12:16-18

- 16 **Live in harmony with one another.** Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited.
- 17 Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.
- 18 **If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.**

2 Corinthians 13:11

“Finally, brothers, rejoice. **Aim for restoration** (*repair, mend*), comfort one another, **agree with one another, live in peace**; and **the God of love and peace will be with you.**”

Ephesians 4:1-3

- 1 I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called,
- 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love,
- 3 **eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.**

Colossians 3:12-15

12 Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience,

13 bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

14 And above all these **put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.**

15 And **let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body.** And be thankful.

James 4:1-2

1 **What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you?** Is it not this, that **your passions are at war within you?**

2 You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask.

James 3:14-18

14 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth.

15 This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic.

16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice.

17 **But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere.**

18 And a **harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.**

Romans 14

1 As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but **not to quarrel over opinions.**

2 One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables.

3 Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him.

4 Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

19 So then **let us pursue what makes for peace** and for mutual upbuilding.

1 Corinthians 7:15

“But if the unbelieving partner separates, let it be so. In such cases the brother or sister is not enslaved. **God has called you to peace.**”

Matthew 10:34-38

34 **Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.**

35 For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.

36 And a person's enemies will be those of his own household.

37 Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

38 And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.