

Matthew 5:9

God is a God of peace and peace is only found in God

- **Romans 15:33** Now the God of peace be with you all. Amen.
- **1 Corinthians 14:33** for God is not a God of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.
- **2 Corinthians 13:11** Finally, brethren, rejoice, be made complete, be comforted, be like-minded, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.
- **Philippians 4:9** The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.
- **1 Thessalonians 5:23-24** Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.
- **Hebrews 13:20** Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, *even* Jesus our Lord,

We are born into this world as enemies of God. We are at war with God and have no peace until our salvation.

- **Romans 3:10** as it is written, "There is none righteous, not even one;
- **Colossians 1:21** And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, *engaged* in evil deeds
- **Romans 8:6-8** For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace, ⁷ because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able *to do so*, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.
- **2 Corinthians 5:18-20** Now all *these* things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, ¹⁹ namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and ²⁰ He has committed to us the word of reconciliation. ²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.
- **Isaiah 48:22** "There is no peace for the wicked," says the Lord.

Peace and righteousness are connected- Sin interferes with peace. That is why the beatitude prior to being a peacemaker is blessed are the pure in heart. *No righteousness, no peace.*

- **Psalms 85:10** Lovingkindness and ¹⁰ truth have met together; Righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- **James 3:17-18** But the wisdom from above is first pure then peaceable, gentle, ¹⁷ reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy. ¹⁸ And the ¹⁸ seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace ¹⁸ by those who make peace.
- **Hebrews 12:11** All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.
- **Isaiah 32:17** And the work of righteousness will be peace, And the service of righteousness, quietness and ¹⁷ confidence forever.

Peace through Christ's righteousness

- **Romans 5:1** Therefore, having been justified by faith, ¹ we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
- **Romans 5:9-10** Much more then, having now been justified ⁹ by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved ¹⁰ by His life.
- **Romans 8:1-4** Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life ² in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³ For what the Law could not do, ³ weak as it was through the flesh, God *did*: sending His own Son in the likeness of ³ sinful flesh and *as an offering* for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

- **Colossians 1:21-22** And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, *engaged* in evil deeds, ²² yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach
- **Ephesians 2:13-17** But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off ^[1] have been brought near ^[k] by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For He Himself is our peace, who made both *groups into* one and broke down the ^[l] barrier of the dividing wall, ¹⁵ ^[m] by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, *which is* the Law of commandments *contained* in ordinances, so that in Himself He might ^[n] make the two into one new man, *thus* establishing peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, ^[o] by it having put to death the enmity. ¹⁷ And He came and preached peace to you who were far away, and peace to those who were near;

Peace is triune as God is triune

- Father is the God of peace (**Hebrews 13:20**)
- Jesus is the Prince of Peace who brought peace on the cross (**Isaiah 9:6**)(**Eph 2:13-17**)(**Romans 5:1**)
- The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of peace that brings peace to all believers (**Galatians 5:22**)

Peacemakers by sharing the Gospel of peace

- Only those who have been saved and have peace with God can be peacemakers.
- Righteousness is required for peace and righteousness is found only in the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Christians become peacemakers (between God and man) by sharing the gospel of peace in hopes that the person they witness to will have peace with God.
 - **Ephesians 6:15** and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;
 - **Acts 10:34-36** Opening his mouth, Peter said: "I most certainly understand *now* that God is not one to show partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation the man who ^[v] fears Him and ^[z] does what is right is welcome to Him. ³⁶ The word which He sent to the sons of Israel, preaching ^[aa] peace through Jesus Christ (He is Lord of all)
 - **2 Corinthians 5:18-21** Now all *these* things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, ¹⁹ namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and ^[b] He has ^[c] committed to us the word of reconciliation. ²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Called sons of God **Romans 8:14-16, Galatians 4:3-7, 1 John 3:1-2**

Peace with others- We are to pursue peace, but not at the expense of truth. Peace doesn't mean always avoiding of conflict **Matthew 5:21-24, Matthew 5:43-45, Matthew 18:15-17, Romans 12:18, Hebrews 12:14**

At the moment of our justification there is a declaration that "the war is over" and there is peace between us and God. This is not a temporary cease fire or just a momentary truce, but rather a peace that is eternal. Righteousness is required for peace and at the moment of our justification we are clothed in the imputed righteousness of Christ forever which means that we have eternal peace with God. Knowing this truth, we as children of God are to be peacemakers first and most importantly by sharing the news of peace to all that we know that are at war with God. The Christians is not just a peacekeeper, but a peacemaker. There is no peace in the life of a non-believer and there never will be until peace is made by justification which is brought about by faith in gospel of peace and faith in Jesus Christ our righteousness. Being a peacemaker does not always mean avoiding a conflict, but it means that righteousness must be present as we see when we look at the cross. When people look at the cross, they may see torture, violence, bloodshed, vile actions of men, unimaginable evil, and conflict. However, if we carefully we see peace. The righteousness of Christ through His death and through His blood, brought us peace. How does one know they are born again and a true child of God? They are peacemakers.

