

In Pursuit of Peace

Matthew 5:9

1. What is peace?

Peace is the condition of things when all is as it should be.

a. It is the condition of wholeness in relationships.

b. It is the condition of wholeness in life.

2. In what ways is Jesus THE peacemaker.

a. He restores the condition of wholeness in our relationship with God.

b. He restores the condition of wholeness in our relationships with each other.

c. He restores wholeness to our lives.

3. How will you be a peacemaker like Him?

a. You will share the gospel with others.

b. You will seek for wholeness in relationships.

c. You will work for wholeness in life.



BE DIFFERENT
LIVE DIFFERENT

Matthew 5-7

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Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called sons of God.

What is peace?

Matthew 5:8

Blessed are the **peace**makers...

*You can't make peace if you
don't know what peace is.*

What is peace?

Peace in the New Testament derives from the Hebrew concept of *Shalom*.

Shalom = wholeness, completeness, wellness, tranquility.

Peace is the condition of things
when all is as it should be.

*Peace is the result of
righteousness.*

Isaiah 32:16-17

Then justice will dwell in the wilderness,
And righteousness will abide in the fertile
field. And the effect of righteousness will
be peace, and the result of righteousness,
quietness and confidence forever.

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1 Peter 3:8-12

10 For the one who desires life, to love and see good days, must keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit.

11 He must turn away from evil and do good;
he must seek peace and pursue it.

12 For the eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous, and His ears attend to their prayer.

**The pursuit of peace is
the pursuit of relational
wholeness.**

What is peace?

It is the condition of wholeness in relationships.

It is the condition of
wholeness in life.

Isaiah 32:1-4 and 15-18

17 And the effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and confidence forever.

18 Then my people will live in a peaceful habitation, and in secure dwellings and in undisturbed resting places.

**Peace exists when things
are as they should be in
the details of life.**

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In what ways is Jesus THE Peacemaker?

Jesus restores our relationship
with God.

Romans 5:1

Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:10

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 by His life.

*Jesus didn't just wipe the
slate clean between us and
God; He restored us
to friendship.*

In what ways is Jesus THE Peacemaker?

Jesus restores our relationship with God.

Jesus restores our relationships
with one another.

Ephesians 2:17-19

And He came and preached peace to you who were far away, and peace to those who were near; for through Him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are members of God's household.

*Jesus has brought us
together in Himself and has
removed all of the barriers
to friendship among us.*

**What are your barriers
to friendship?**

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Jesus restores wholeness
to our lives.

Proverbs 3:13-17

How blessed is the man who finds wisdom,
And the man who gains understanding.
For its profit is better than the profit of
silver, And its gain than fine gold. She is
more precious than jewels; And nothing
you desire compares with her. Long life is
in her right hand; In her left hand are
riches and honor. Her ways are pleasant
ways, And **all her paths are peace.**

Where is this wisdom found?

Colossians 2:3

In *Christ* are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

*Jesus is the King of peace who
desires to restore your life to
the wholeness God intended.*

Are you listening to Him?

**How will you be a
peacemaker like Jesus?**

Matthew 5:8

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for **they shall be called sons of God.**

*We are like Jesus, the Son of
God, when we make peace.*

**How will you be a
peacemaker like Jesus?**

You will share the gospel.

2 Corinthians 5:20

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ,
as though God were entreating through us;
we beg you on behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.

*You are a peacemaker
like Jesus when you are
helping others make
peace with God.*

How will you be a peacemaker like Jesus?

You will share the gospel.

You will seek for wholeness in relationships.

Matthew 5:23-24

Matthew 18:15

Romans 12:18

If possible, so far as it depends on you,
be at peace with all people.

*You are a peacemaker
like Jesus when you
sacrifice yourself to make
peace with others.*

How will you be a peacemaker like Him?

You will share the gospel.

You will seek for wholeness in relationships.

You will work for wholeness
in the lives of others.

1 Thessalonians 5:13

Cultivate peace with one another.

How do we cultivate peace?

1 Thessalonians 5:13-14

Cultivate peace with one another. And we urge you, brethren, admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with all.

*You are a peacemaker
like Jesus when you love
others enough to help
them toward wholeness.*

How about you...?