

Peacemakers

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2. What does it mean to be a peacemaker?

A. Offer reconciliation with God

What is the basis for our calling as peacemakers?

What do people pursue outside of God to find peace?

B. Pursuing our own peace with others

Peace with all men

- Psalm 34:14 - Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.
- Romans 12:18 - If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.
- Hebrews 12:14 - Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.

Peace with other believers

- 2 Corinthians 13:11 - Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.
- Romans 14:19 - So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding

3. What does it mean to be “sons of God?”

4. What does the world think of peacemakers?

- 5:3 “The poor in spirit” – They recognize their desperate condition of spiritual poverty
- 5:4 “Those that mourn” – They are profoundly broken over their sin
- 5:5 “The meek” – They humbly demonstrate an accurate view of themselves before the King.
- 5:6 “Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness” - They yearn for right standing before God
- 5:7 “The merciful” – They show kindness and forgiveness to the weak and wrongdoer
- 5:8 “The pure in heart” – They have been cleansed within and they pursue purity by loving God only
- 5:9 “The peacemakers” – They offer reconciliation with God because they have received reconciliation through Christ.

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