

# Character Matters: Nine Virtues of Those Who Belong to Jesus

## *Peace: Living in Harmony With God and People*

Galatians 5:22  
The Lord's Day Morning  
June 16, 2019

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.”  
—Matthew 5:9

Jesus says that one of the marks that prove someone is a child of God is that he or she is a peacemaker. God does not adopt us as his children if we are peacemakers. Rather, we are peacemakers if God has adopted us. A peacemaker is someone who obeys Jesus' command to love even our enemies and serve them in ways that build bridges toward them. But before you can become a peacemaker, you must first experience peace in your own life.

### **How to Experience Peace**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ peace with God by unconditional \_\_\_\_\_  
(Col. 1:19–20).
2. \_\_\_\_\_ peace with people by costly \_\_\_\_\_  
(Romans 12:18;14:19).
3. \_\_\_\_\_ peace in your heart by trusting God with your \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Phil. 4:6,7).