



SERMONNOTES

August 2, 2026

Making Peace in a Warring World

Matthew 5:9

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God .”

Big Idea: **Biblical peace is not merely the absence of _____, but mutual**

_____ made possible through reconciliation. And when we live this way, people will _____ God in us.

1. Peacemakers are called _____.

Matthew 5:9 (NIV)

2. We're not called to be peace _____. We're called to be peace _____.

3. Biblically, peace (shalom) is _____ flourishing.

4. God achieves peace through _____.

Romans 5:10 (NIV); Romans 5:1 (NLT); Jeremiah 6:13-14 (NIV); Matthew 5:5 (NIV)

5. What does it mean to be a peacemaker? James 3:17-18 (NIV)

a. We are called to be peacemakers in our relationships with _____.

Matthew 5:23-24 (NIV)

b. We are called to be peacemakers in others' relationships with _____.

2 Corinthians 5:20 (NIV)

c. We are called to be peacemakers in the lives of those _____.

Colossians 1:19-20 (NLT)

1 Peter 3:11; Hebrews 12:14; Romans 12:18; 1 Corinthians 7:15

ADMIT

BELIEVE

CHOOSE

Reflection and Discussion

1. In modern culture, "making peace" often gets confused with avoiding conflict or keeping quiet to maintain a false sense of calm. How does Jesus' call to be an active *peacemaker* differ from simply being a *peace-keeper* or *peace-lover*?
2. Scripture reminds us that Christ made peace between God and humanity through the cross ([Colossians 1:20](#)). How does our experience of God's grace and reconciliation shape our willingness to pursue peace with people who have wronged us?
3. Think about current tensions or conflicts in your life (family, workplace, church, or community). Is there an area where you have been tempted to withdraw, react in anger, or hold a grudge instead of actively taking steps toward biblical peace?
4. What does biblical peacemaking look like in practical, day-to-day interactions? What role do humility, active listening, asking for forgiveness, and speaking truth in love play when resolving conflict?
5. Jesus says that peacemakers "*will be called sons [children] of God.*" In a world marked by political polarization, division, and outrage, how can a Christian's commitment to peacemaking serve as a powerful witness to non-believers?
6. Is there a specific relationship where God is prompting you to initiate reconciliation or bring peace this week? How can this group pray for and encourage you as you take that step?