

CHOSEN 2  
Blessed Are The Peacemakers  
Matthew 5:9  
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We are called to be peace-makers as opposed to be peace-destroyers.

To make peace is to reconcile with another.

### **Enter justice**

Our understanding of justice leads us to believe they broke the rules.

When I am right I do not listen to you.  
I accuse you and I judge you.

### **Salvation comes with peace.**

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

Romans 5:1 NIV

Jesus our Savior is the Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6-7a NIV

You forgive the other person and trust God to handle the injustice.

### **Curiosity**

We replace our declaration of right and wrong with our curiosity as to what caused the fight in the first place.

*Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. 5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus. Philippians 2:3-5 NIV*

We are in the kingdom and are charged with making peace with others knowing God the Father loves the very people we are in a struggle with. We are representing Him to them.

*By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."*

John 13:35

### **As Children of the King we are counted as righteous.**

*But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For he himself is our **peace**, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, 15 by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making **peace**, 16 and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. 17 He came and preached **peace** to you who were far away and **peace** to those who were near. 18 For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.*

Ephesians 2:13-18 NIV

### **Children of the King have an inheritance waiting in heaven.**

*This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, 5 who through faith are shielded by God's power...*

1 Peter 1:3-5 NIV

### **Children of the King are permanently established.**

*Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.*

John 1:12-13 NIV

Peace-making belongs to the heirs of the kingdom who being meek, poor in spirit, loving righteousness yet are merciful and are especially equipped for peacemaking and in doing so reflect the Father's character.