# **The Beatitudes- Part 9 - Peacemakers**

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 [Matthew 5:3-16](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Mt5.3-16)

Peacemakers:

[Mt 5:9](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Mt5.9) “9 Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God.”

What does it mean to be a “peacemaker?” Before we can understand what a peacemaker is we must first understand: What is peace really?

**The simple way the world defines peace is “the absence of strife and discord”**

In the Bible there are 401 references to Peace in 373 Bible verses with three distinct spheres of peace.

### 1. Peace with God

### 2. Peace with Ourselves

### 3. Peace with Others

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### 1. Peace with God

Our world makes no mention of peace with God. The world has no grid for the enmity mankind has with God, but it is still there.

› Enmity: “opposition; very bitter, deep-rooted, irreconcilable hatred and variance.”

Paul described it in [Romans 8:7](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ro8.7) “7 Because the carnal mind is **enmity** against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.”

 James said it this way: Do you not know that friendship with the world is **enmity** with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. 5 Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, “The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously [Jas 4:4–5](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Jas4.4-5).

[Colossians 1:20](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Col1.20) “20 and by Him **to reconcile** all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made **peace through the blood of His cross**.”

This word “Reconcile” and its related word “Reconciliation” Come from these Greek words: **καταλλάσσω (katallassō)[ kata-la-so] & καταλλαγή (katallagē)[kata-la-yay]**. The first of these, **καταλλάσσω (katallassō)[ kata-la-so]** is a verb and as we know from elementary Grammar; a verb is a word used to describe an action, state, or occurrence. The second of these, **καταλλαγή (katallagē)[kata-la-yay]** is a noun, and we know that nouns are the subject words for verbs.

**καταλλάσσω (katallassō)[ kata-la-so]** - “To Reconcile” then is the action - exchange one thing for another. exchange enmity for peace, exchange our penalty for our sin (Death [Romans 6:23](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ro6.23)) from us to Christ (Death on a Cross) and **καταλλαγή (katallagē)[kata-la-yay]**, “To BE Reconciled” or “Reconciliation” is the result, to be changed from enmity to friendship, reconciliation.

The action of Christ’s death, burial and resurrection is the verb **καταλλάσσω (katallassō)[ kata-la-so]** for the GOAL of reconciliation, to exchange his sinless life for our sin, that in Him we might experience reconciliation **καταλλαγή (katallagē)[kata-la-yay]** with God, removing our enmity and replacing it with friendship.

 [Romans 5:1](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ro5.1) “1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, **we have peace with God** through our Lord Jesus Christ,” Due to our sins, we were enemies of God and were separated from Him [Ephesians 2:13](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Eph2.13) “13 But now in Christ Jesus you **who once were far off have been brought near** by the blood of Christ.” Jesus restored our relationship when He took on our sins and died our death on the cross [Ephesians 2:14](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Eph2.14) “14 For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation,” He provided a path for reconciliation with God, and now we are joined to God [Romans 5:10](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ro5.10) “10 For if when 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.”

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### 2. Peace with Ourselves

Did you know that statistically, approximately 20% of adults in the United States deal with chronic anxiety, and over 60% of adults have dealt with Generalized Anxiety at one time or another in their lives.

Nearly one-third of adolescents (13-18 year old’s) deal with anxiety.

Approximately 85% of the world population is affected by low self esteem.

[Isaiah 57:21](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Is57.21) “21 “There is no peace,” Says my God, “for the wicked.”” Hebrew here “Wicked” **רָשָׁע (rāšāʿ) [rah-sha]** one definition of this word is “the guilty, liable to punishment.” There can be no peace within ourselves outside of peace with God through Christ because without Christ we are “guilty” we are “wicked” רָשָׁע (rāšāʿ) [rah-sha].

The very source of peace with ourselves is to become at peace with God through Christ sacrifice, because in Christ we can experience true peace:

[Philippians 4:6-7](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Php4.6-7) “6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

[Colossians 3:14-15](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Col3.14-15) “14 But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. 15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.”

[Psalm 94:19](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ps94.19) “19 In the multitude of my anxieties within me, Your comforts delight my soul.”

[Isaiah 26:3](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Is26.3) “3 You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You.”

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### 3. Peace with Others

[Romans 12:18](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ro12.18) “18 If it is possible, as much as depends on you, **live peaceably with all men**.”

[Romans 14:19](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ro14.19) “19 Therefore let us **pursue the things which make for peace** and the things by which one may edify another.”

[Hebrews 12:14](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Heb12.14) “14 **Pursue peace with all people**, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:”

The very source of peace with others is to become at peace with God through Christ sacrifice, because in Christ we can be meek (lead by the Holy Spirit to be humble, gentle and lowly; this meekness leads to peace with others. (Beatitude #3) And we can be merciful which also leads to peace with others (Beatitude #5):

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So then if Biblical peace is peace with God, peace with ourselves and peace with others, what does Jesus mean for us to be peacemaker? This word for peacemaker in the Greek is εἰρηνοποιός (eirēnopoios) [ear-a-no-pe-nose] is used nowhere else in the Bible. It is only used here in this Beatitude by Jesus [Mt 5:9](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Mt5.9) “9 Blessed are the **peacemakers**, For they shall be called sons of God.” It’s definition is “a mediator who tries to bring about harmonious relations (between two opposing parties), a reconciler”

In [2nd Corinthians 5:17-21](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.2Co5.17-21) “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now all things are of God, who has **reconciled** us to Himself through Jesus Christ, **and has given us the ministry of reconciliation**, 19 that is, that **God was in Christ reconciling** the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, **and has committed to us the word of reconciliation**. 20 Now then, **we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ’s behalf, be reconciled to God.** 21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

Websters Dictionary defines the english word peace•mak•er as

15th century: one who makes peace especially by reconciling parties

Blessed are the peacemakers is Christ’s call to His followers to take the Gospel to the world so that those in the world can find peace with God through Christ, Peace with themselves through Christ and Peace with others through Christ.

No God - No Peace, Know God - Know peace

Paul in [Romans 10](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ro10) quotes from [Isaiah 52:7](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Is52.7) and [Nahum 1:15](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Na1.15) when he describes those who proclaim the gospel: [Romans 10:13-15](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ro10.13-15) “13 For “whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” 14 How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? 15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who **preach the gospel** of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!””

The word preach here is not an ascribing that pastors be the only ones who preach, the word simply means “to proclaim, to herald”

How can they call on the name of the Lord and be saved, be reconciled to God, unless there be Peacemakers who proclaim the gospel of peace?