



## **God's Pathway to Wholeness: Be Peacemakers**

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

**Matthew 5:9**

**On the pathway to wholeness, you are filled with Perfect Peace.**

**Being filled with Perfect Peace allows you to live in peace with others as a child of God.**

**You cannot make what you don't have... You cannot make/bring/give peace if you don't have peace.**

### **What is peace?**

Peace is not avoidance, agreement, "being nice" or tolerance.

Peace is radical, freedom, wholeness, reconciliation, sacrificial, unity not uniformity.

### **Jesus is peace.**

<sup>14</sup> For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, <sup>15</sup> by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. **Ephesians 2:14-15**

### **NO JESUS, NO PEACE. KNOW JESUS, KNOW PEACE.**

<sup>3</sup> You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you. **Isaiah 26:3**

<sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. **John 14:27**

### **Peacemakers are Peace bringers.**

<sup>13</sup> May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Romans 15:13**

**Whatever is in you will flow out of you. If you are filled with peace, you will overflow peace into others. If you have conflict in your spirit, you will pour out conflict.**

### **What steals your peace?**

Fear, Insecurity, Anger, Lust, Doubt, Jealousy, Lies, Bitterness, False Perspective

### **The way to peacemaking**

1. Be reconciled to God.
2. Empty yourself of all the garbage and be filled with His love and peace.
3. Know who you are.
4. Recognize people are not your enemy. **Psalm 23:5, Matthew 5:43-45**
5. Remember it's not about you!

<sup>12</sup> Whoever of you loves life and desires to see many good days, <sup>13</sup> keep your tongue from evil and your lips from telling lies. <sup>14</sup> Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. **Psalm 34:12-14**

### **Thoughts as we linger with the Lord**

Do I have peace in my mind, in my heart, in my daily life? If not, what is keeping me from having peace?

Do I strive to make peace with others in **every situation** with **everyone**?

If not, what is stopping me? What lies am I believing?

Is there anyone I need to make peace with in my life?