

The Beatitudes
Blessed Are the Peacemakers
Matthew 5:9

Introduction

Can you imagine telling someone like Peter, James, or John, "Blessed are the peacemakers"? They would probably stare at you in unbelief. The motto of Peter, James, and John was "Fight to win!"

1. Today, many people think the only way to have peace is to _____ those you see as your enemies. History is full of angry disputes.
2. There are still some believers who want to dispute doctrine and argue causes which only further _____ the body of Christ.
3. Some people consider the absence of _____ the ultimate achievement of peace.
4. God is not as concerned with the act of peace as with the _____ of peace.
5. It's always easier to define peace than it is to _____ it.

I. The Peacemakers

6. The challenge for the peacemaker is to reflect the _____ of God in an environment dominated by evil.
7. A peacemaker is someone who sees the barriers keeping a person from experiencing God's peace and shares how those barriers can be _____.
8. Peacemakers are people of _____.
9. Jesus always stood for what was right and always against _____.
10. A _____ can't be a peacemaker.

11. The peacemaker Christ is talking about is not a _____.
12. A peacemaker has ended all _____ with God.
13. The peacemaker also identifies and accepts the terms of peace by surrendering _____ to Jesus.
14. The peacemaker is willing to _____ evil and conquer it.
15. Jesus didn't come to teach people how to get along with the Devil; he came to show us how to claim _____ over the Devil.
16. A peacemaker follows the _____ of Christ.
17. Jesus did not make peace with the world; he made peace with His _____.
18. The goal of the peacemaker is to bring people into a peaceful _____ with God.
19. The nature of evil is to stir up _____ and conflict.
20. The peacemaker Jesus refers to maintains an attitude of quietness and _____ in the face of angry attacks.
21. Peacemakers do not _____ against evil with evil.
22. Jesus is the perfect model of a _____.

II. The Sons of God

23. People who become peacemakers will be recognized as the children of God at the judgment and _____ into the Father's house.
24. We become the children of God by _____ in Christ for our forgiveness and hope.

25. The children of God should reflect the _____ of their Father.
26. We know from Scripture that our heavenly Father is a “God of _____.” We also know that Heaven is a place of _____. And most important of all, we know that God is a _____!
27. The whole history of _____ is God’s strategy to bring about a just and lasting peace between God and us.
28. Being led by the Spirit always includes bearing the _____ of the Spirit.
29. The Spirit of God is the Spirit of _____.
30. A person who cannot _____ to the Spirit of Christ cannot be a peacemaker.
31. Salvation, from beginning to end, is a work of _____.

III. The blessing of Peacemaking

32. Many of the New Testament letters begin with the _____ of peace.
33. Peace is not a principle, theory, concept, political program, or social ideal, peace is an _____ of God.
34. Jesus blesses the _____ of peace.
35. Jesus requires us to take an _____ rather than passive role.

Conclusion

36. As followers of Jesus, we have a _____ to be peacemakers.
37. When Jesus calls us to leave the world and follow Him, we find peace because _____ is our peace.
38. Being a peacemaker requires _____ to God.

39. When we accept God's grace, it becomes our responsibility to show even our _____ the way to peace.

40. Making peace makes us God's child, which means we are _____ to each other as family.

Peacemakers actively work to bring about a spiritual wholeness and healing between sinners and God by introducing them to Jesus. Peacemaking requires time and effort. We must pursue and produce it.

ANSWERS

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| 1. Destroy | 30. Yield |
| 2. Fragment | 31. Grace |
| 3. Conflict | 32. Blessing |
| 4. Attitude | 33. Attribute |
| 5. Practice | 34. Makers |
| 6. Nature | 35. Active |
| 7. Overcome | 36. Calling |
| 8. Action | 37. Jesus |
| 9. Wrong | 38. Surrendering |
| 10. Chameleon | 39. Enemies |
| 11. Compromiser | 40. related |
| 12. Conflict | |
| 13. Unconditionally | |
| 14. Confront | |
| 15. Victory | |
| 16. Example | |
| 17. Father | |
| 18. Relationship | |
| 19. Strife | |
| 20. Confidence | |
| 21. Retaliate | |
| 22. Peacemaker | |
| 23. Welcomed | |
| 24. Trusting | |
| 25. Character | |
| 26. Peace, peace,
peacemaker | |
| 27. Salvation | |
| 28. Fruit | |
| 29. Peace | |