

**Blessed
Peacemakers**
Matthew 5:9
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Matthew 5 ⁹ *Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. (NIV)*

I. Misconceptions about Peacemakers

1. Peacemaking is not about avoidance.
2. Peacemaking is not about appeasement.
3. Peacemaking is not about accommodation.

James 3 ¹⁸ *Those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of righteousness. (NLT)*

II. How can you be a peacemaker with others?

1. First & foremost, talk to God about it.

James 1 ⁷ *If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. (NLT)*

Proverbs 2 ⁶ *For the Lord grants wisdom! From his mouth come knowledge and understanding. (NLT)*

2. Don't wait for others – take the first step.

Matthew 5 ²³ *If you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift. (NIV)*

2 Timothy 1 ⁷ *For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline. (NLT)*

3. Tell others how you feel considerately.

Ephesians 4 ²⁹ *Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. (NIV)*

James 1 ¹⁹ *Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. (NLT)*

Action Step:

Make peace with the conflicted relationship in your life.

III. How can you be a peacemaker for God?

1. Do your best to **make peace** with everyone.

Romans 12 ¹⁸ *If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. (NIV)*

Hebrews 12 ¹⁴ *Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. (NIV)*

2. Consider **your actions** in light of the gospel.

Matthew 5 ¹⁶ *In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father. (NLT)*

3. Focus on **reconciling** others to God.

2 Corinthians 5 ¹⁸ *All of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. (NLT)*

Action Step:

Go out of your way to be **peaceful** with others, and be ready to **tell them** about Jesus.