

# Blessed are the Peacemakers

Emptied, That I May Be Filled  
Part 4

# Peacemaker: Defined

- “One who loves peace”
  - Peace: “Wholeness; essential parts joined together”
- It is not:
  - **Ignoring** a fractured relationship (Matthew 15:18)
  - **Passively** remaining uninvolved
  - **Changing** a godly standard to keep peace

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- Peace has Been Made with God
  - Focus in the Bible on God seeking peace with man

That is, in Christ God was **reconciling** the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of **reconciliation**. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be **reconciled** to God.

-- II Corinthians 5:19-20

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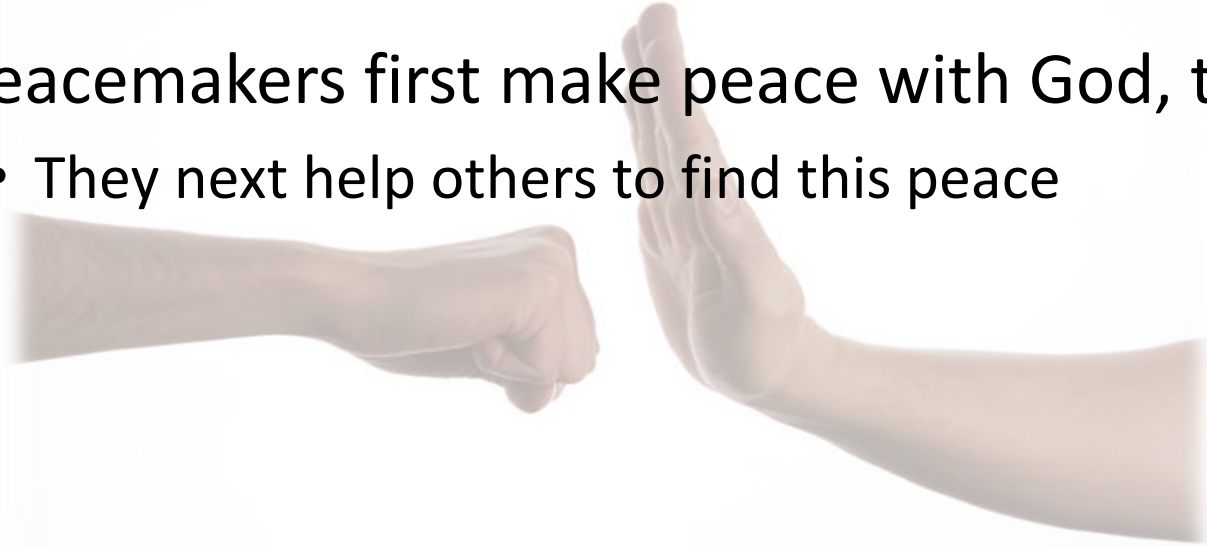
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- Peace has Been Made with God
  - Peacemakers first make peace with God, then others
    - They next help others to find this peace



And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus – Phil. 4:7

# Qualities of a Peacemaker

- Purity of Motive

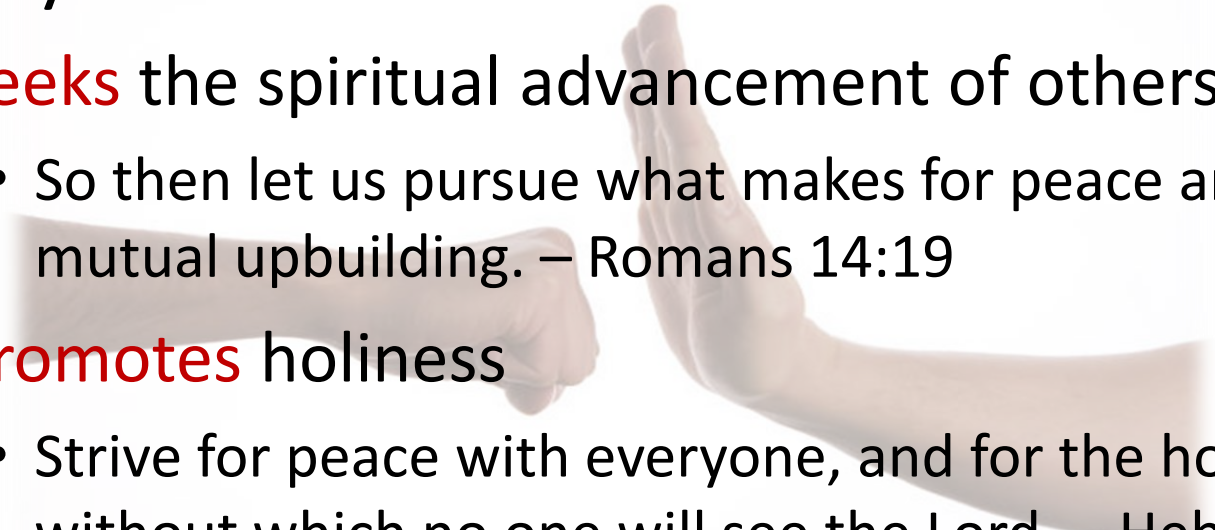
- **Seeks** the spiritual advancement of others

- So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding. – Romans 14:19

- **Promotes** holiness

- Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. – Hebrews 12:14

- **Helps** avoid sensitivity, touchiness, defensiveness



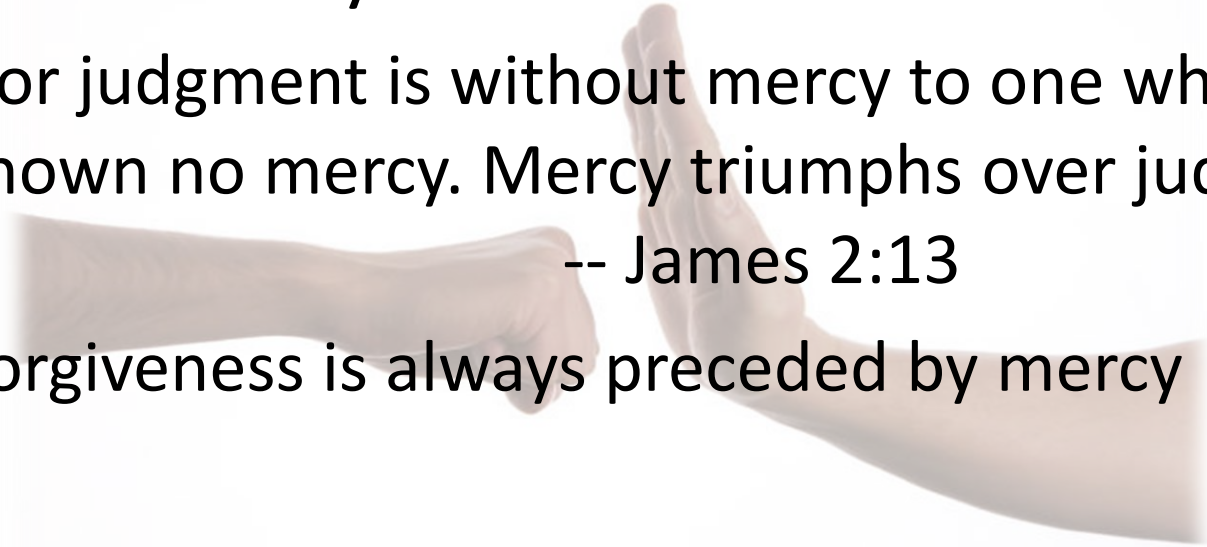
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- Spirit of Mercy

- For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

-- James 2:13

- Forgiveness is always preceded by mercy





They Shall Be Called

*Sons of God*

## Jesus, the Son of God

Did Everything He Could

Even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and **to give his life** as a ransom for many. – Matthew 20:28

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## Jesus, the Son of God

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Peace to Glorify God

And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. **I glorified you on earth,** having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. – John 17:3-4

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Meekness to make Peace

Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than **twelve legions of angels**?

-- Matthew 26:53

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And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”

-- Luke 23:34

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Mercy to make Peace

No Compromising Standard

So Jesus answered them, “My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me.”

-- John 7:16

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If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. – Romans 12:18

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through his blood, shed on  
the cross."

Colossians 1:19-20

