



# THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST BIBLE OUTREACH

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## DAILY DEVOTION

### THE JOURNEY OF FAITH: PART 12

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#### **Matthew 5:9 (NIV)**

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

Have you noticed that each beatitude in Jesus’ first sermon begins with the word “Blessed...”?

The Amplified Bible offers this description of that word: “happy, enviably fortunate, and spiritually prosperous—possessing the happiness produced by the experience of God’s favor and especially conditioned by the revelation of His grace, regardless of their outward conditions.” That’s the Jesus Way to live! Does that describe your quality of life?

Jesus said that those who desire to follow him in the journey of faith are not just peaceable, but they are more intentional, to be “peacemakers.”

They not only pursue peace in their own lives but also strive to reconcile others who are at odds. The Bible calls this “the ministry of reconciliation,” to which those who follow Jesus have been called, that is what the Bible says in 2 Corinthians 5:16-20.

Peacemakers are ministers of reconciliation with the only message of reconciliation that can bring peace between sinful people and a holy God.

As peacemakers, we are called ambassadors for Christ!

An ambassador is the representative of one king in the court of another.

As “Christ’s ambassadors,” we live in a fallen world as citizens of the Kingdom of God to bring a message of reconciliation that brings peace of heart and peace of mind to troubled souls.

What a profound purpose this gives every child of God. No wonder Jesus said, “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.”

And with a pure heart, you and me can be a peacemaker.

James describes peacemakers like this in James 3:17-18

[17]But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.

[18]Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace."

Peacemakers live intentionally. They build bridges over racial divides and social unrest.

They demonstrate the love of God in practical ways that bring reconciliation and peace which is the nature of their Savior, who is called The Prince of Peace!

#### **PRAYER:**

I receive grace to be a peacemaker between man and man and between God and man, so help me God in Jesus name.