



**SIMPLY
THE
BLESSED**

Our world is hungry for peace



**“NO God, NO peace...
KNOW God, KNOW peace”
God’s the One who delivers
this kind of peace**



Matthew 5:1-12



**BLESSED ARE
THE PEACEMAKERS**



Matthew 5:9

**The idea of “Peace” is
mentioned approximately
400 times in Scripture**



Isaiah 9:6

**Jesus' ultimate purpose
in coming to the world He
created was to bring peace
between God and Man**



Romans 5:1-2

Galatians 4:4-5



**EACH of us should strive
to make peace, as much
as it depends on us
(whenever possible)**



Romans 12:14-21

**As followers of Christ,
we should be ALL about
reconciliation**



Colossians 1:19-20

Ephesians 2:14-18

Matthew 5:9

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



**After personally experiencing
God's peace, we get to point
others to peace with God and we
get to be used to make peace
between our siblings in Christ**



Romans 14:19

Hebrews 12:14



**Have you ever considered the
drastic difference between
being a peacekeeper and
a peacemaker?**



**“Peacekeepers” =
maintain peace
(they keep the status quo)**



**“Peacemakers” =
Go out of their way to end
hostilities (they actively look
to bring quarrelsome
people together)**



**The Jewish people were
under Roman authority
(and could ONLY participate in
what Rome tolerated)**



**To the Zealots, the idea of
being peacemakers would
have flown in the face of their
political/religious passions**



**There are Biblical Truths that
are 100% undeniable and
worth fighting for
(and we should stand
firmly upon them)**



Do my Preferences Cause Division?



**Imagine how our Daddy
feels when there's division
inside His family over
man-made preferences?**

Philippians 1:27-28



**Our peace points others to a
very real looming judgment
where if we DON'T know God,
we WON'T know peace**



**The world around us is
watching – Do they see a
fractured family or do they see
a people of peace?**

Matthew 5:9

