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Jesus Christ is a peacemaker. So if we want to be God's children and Christ's disciples, we must be peacemakers too.

- John R. W. Stott



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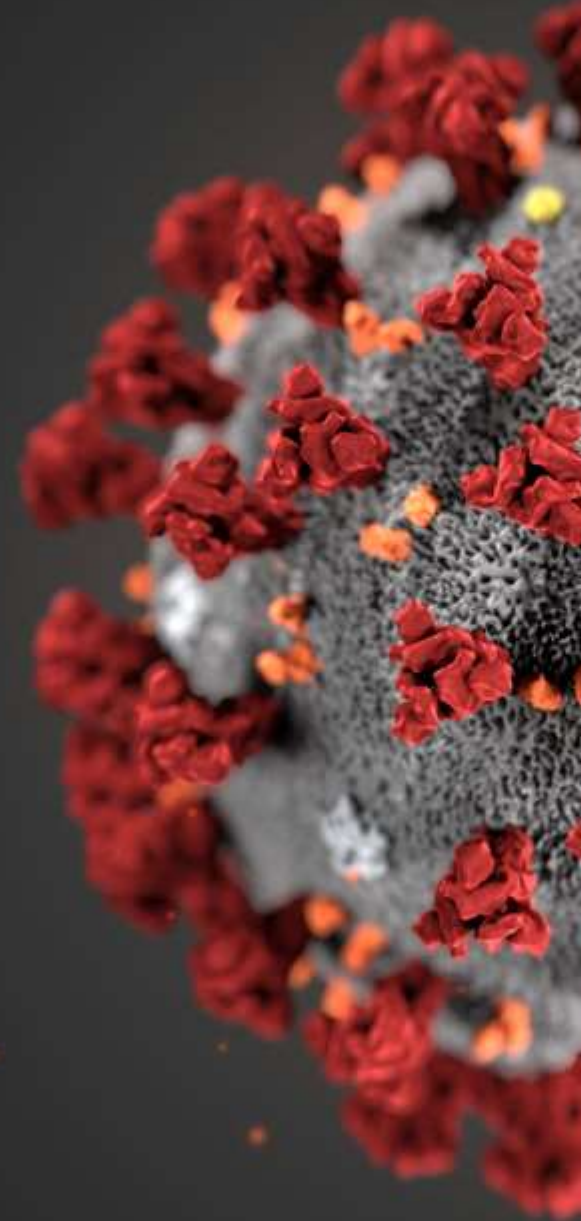
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*Many would tell you that we should **pray for peace**, but Jesus is telling us to **MAKE peace**.*

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*There is nothing temporal or financial about being blessed by God. God blesses us with **more of Him** and the **joy that comes from that.***

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Finally, brothers, **rejoice**. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

1 Corinthians 13:11

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May the God of hope fill you with all **joy and peace** in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Romans 15:13

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Happiness is a byproduct of being a peacemaker but should not be our goal for pursuing peace.

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PEACEMAKERS MAKE PEACE

*If we are going to be peacemakers
we have to put in the hard work
of making peace... otherwise, we
are
just peace-fakers.*

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*All men desire peace, but
very few desire those things
that make for peace.*



- Thomas à Kempis

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Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.

Hebrews 12:14

Strive: /'strīv/ make great efforts to achieve or obtain something. To struggle or fight vigorously.

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¹Therefore I beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God.

² Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. ³ Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace.

Ephesians 4:1-3

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Don't equate peacemaking with peace-achieving. A peacemaker longs for peace, works for peace, and sacrifices for peace. But the attainment of peace may not come.



- John Piper

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*We pursue peace out of **obedience to God**, not because we want to feel like we've accomplished something, or because we might receive some sort of recognition.*

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PEACEMAKERS REFLECT WHO GOD IS

*When we pursue a life as a peacemaker, we give the people around us a **glimpse of God**.*

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⁵ Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do.

⁹ Practice what you've learned and received from me, what you heard and saw me do. Then the God who gives this peace will be with you.

Philippians 4:5,9

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If we are going to reflect God's character in our peacemaking, we have to consider the way that God made peace with us.

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and through him [Jesus], God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross.

Colossians 1:20

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Through the cross, we discover God's kind of peacemaking. It is costly and painful.

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- Skye Jethani

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*Our greatest results in peacemaking are going to come from **sacrificial, costly efforts** to forge real reconciliation. That only comes from **following Jesus' example.***

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