

The gospel according to

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Part 19

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Prov 6:16-18 What the Lord Hates

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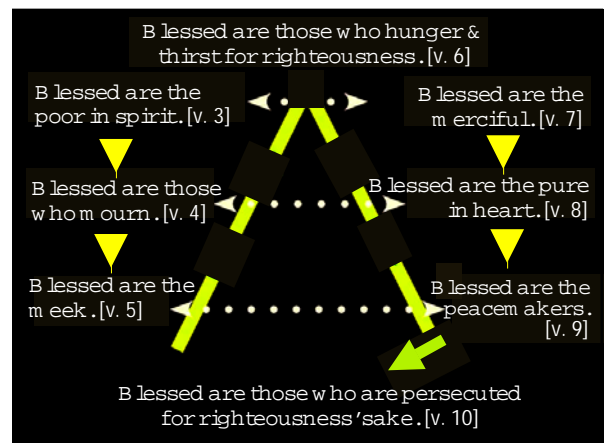
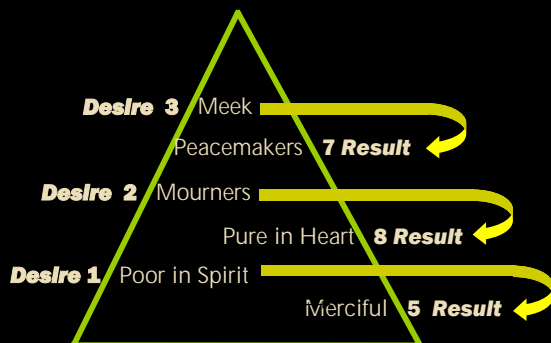
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Fulfillment 4 Hungry & Thirsty



What is a peacemaker?

"The Jewish Rabbis held that the highest task which a man can perform is to establish *right relations* between man and man." Hillel is reported as having said: "Be ye of the disciples of Aaron, loving peace and pursuing peace."

Tasker reflects this position by observing that: The peacemakers are those who are at peace with God' the author of peace and lover of concord'; and who show that they are truly *children of God* by striving to use

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every opportunity open to them to effect reconciliation between others who are at variance.

~ Grace Journal

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.

PEACE WITH GOD for the Unbeliever

Romans 5:1 ... Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

PEACE OF GOD for the Believer

Philippians 4 : 6 - 8 ... do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

⁷ And the *peace of God, which surpasses all understanding*, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is

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Philippians 4 : 6 – 8

commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

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PEACE WITH YOUR FELLOW MAN

Colossians 3 : 15 – 16

And let the *peace of Christ* rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

"To be a peacemaker means that you must separate yourself from your own interests, concerns, whims & comforts. You no longer look at a matter in terms of what is best for you. Instead, you are looking at how others are affected & with concern for how the Kingdom of Christ will be impacted. You are even willing to suffer injustice or wrong in order that Christ might be magnified."

D.K.Patterson

ROMANS 14 : 1 - 9

As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ² One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³ Let not the one who eats **despise** the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains **pass judgment** on the one who eats, **for God has welcomed him**. ⁴ Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will

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be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand. ⁵ One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶ **The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord**, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷ For none of us lives to himself, and none

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of us dies to himself. ⁸ If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. ¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹ for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall

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bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God."

¹² **So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.** ¹³ Therefore let us not

pass judgment on one another any longer, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother.

¹⁴ I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself, but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean. ¹⁵ For if your brother is grieved by

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what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. By what you eat, do not destroy the one for whom Christ died. ¹⁶ So do not let what you regard as good be spoken of as evil. ¹⁷ **For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.** ¹⁸ Whoever thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men. ¹⁹ **So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.**

Viewing life from God's
Perspective brings peace

TITUS 3 : 3 - 5

For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, **hated by others and hating one another.** ⁴ But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit.

PHILIPPIANS 1 : 12 - 18

I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³ so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴ And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

¹⁵ Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will.

PHILIPPIANS 1 : 12 - 18

¹⁶ The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. ¹⁷ The former proclaim Christ out of rivalry, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment. ¹⁸ What then?

Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice.

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The wonderful promise given to peacemakers :

They shall be called sons of God:

"...a peacemaker is in an intimate way related to the concept "sons of God". It is also helpful to remember that "in Jewish thought, 'son' often bears the meaning 'partaker of the character of' or the like. A peacemaker, therefore, is one who does the kind of work that God does, and since he thus reflects the character of God he is identified with the family term "son". He is a peacemaker in the same

sense that his Father is. Hendriksen states it in the following way, "True peacemakers are all those whose leader is the God of peace, who aspire after peace with all men, proclaim the gospel of peace, and pattern their lives after the Prince of Peace. ~ *Grace Journal*

"It is simple... trust in Christ – that in Him God will do everything necessary so that we can enjoy making much of Him forever. Every good poised to bless us, and every evil arrayed against us, will in the end help us boast only in the cross, magnify Christ, and glorify our Creator. Faith in these promises frees us to risk and to find in our own experience that it is better to lose our life than to waste it...

...therefore, it is **right** to risk for the cause of Christ. It is **right** to engage the enemy and say, 'May the LORD do what seems good to Him.' It is **right** to serve the people of God, and say, 'If I perish, I perish!' It is **right** to stand before the fiery furnace of affliction and refuse to bow down to the gods of this world. This is the road that leads to fullness of joy and pleasures forevermore. At the end of every other road – secure and risk-free

– we will put our face in our hands and say... '**I've wasted it!**' "

- John Piper

"...I went into boot camp thinking I was close to God again. When I was in Youth Group and went to church, I wouldn't sing at all. When I was in church at boot camp, I had the urge to become at peace with God.

I was away from the drill instructors and I was at peace praising Him...



"I have completed the hardest thing I have ever done in my life. I couldn't have made it through boot camp if I didn't have God to count on. Of everything I learned in boot camp, this is the biggest thing:

'Praise God All the Time – just not when you're in trouble! God will be there and has a plan for you, no matter what you think.'

