



Understanding the Peace Process

Peace is not the absence of something (such as war or conflict), but the presence of righteousness that leads to right relationships.

Matthew 5:9

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.

Romans 12:18

If it is possible as far as it depends on you live at peace with everybody.

Healthy relationships should be the hallmark of Christianity.

Misconceptions about peacemaking:

- It's not _____.
 - Peacemakers _____ into conflict before they are _____ by conflict.
 - Peacemaking involves resolving _____ by the _____.
- It's not _____.
 - _____ and _____ are not the same things.
 - Peacemakers have the courage to reveal _____ in another's life.
- It's not _____.
 - Peacemakers attack the _____, not the _____.
 - You can't focus on fixing the _____ and the _____ at the same time.

Proverbs 15:1

A gentle answer quiets anger but a harsh one stirs it up.

- It's not _____.

- _____ always has a _____.
- Your _____ is usually the price of _____.
- _____ always go _____.
- Peacemakers _____ what they wish to _____.
(James 3:17-18)

- It's not _____ but _____.

- We can _____ a relationship without _____ the problem. (II Corinthians 5:18)

- It's not just a good suggestion for your _____.

- You cannot be close to _____ and distant from his _____.

I John 4:19-21

Deuteronomy 32:10

Psalms 17:8

Failing to be a peacemaker is, in effect, poking God in the eye.

- Failing to practice peacemaking renders my _____ ineffective. (I Peter 3:7)

- Failing to practice _____ renders my _____ ineffective. (Matthew 5:23-24)

- It's not the absence of _____ (peace) but it is the presence of _____.

- God's _____ is ending one war at a time.
- _____ always ends with _____.
- We get the peace _____ God when we have peace _____ God.

Colossians 3:15a

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.

Evangelism is God's weapon for peace on earth.

Colossians 1:19-20

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.