



## 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, <sup>20</sup>and 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.*