# **Peace on Earth: Pursue Peace**

#### Matthew 5:9 (NIV)

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

### **Ephesians 2:13 - 18 (NLT)**

Once you were far away from God, but now you have been brought near to him through the blood of Christ. For Christ himself has brought peace to us.

He united Jews and Gentiles into one people when, in his own body on the cross, he broke down the wall of hostility that separated us....

He made peace between Jews and Gentiles by creating in himself one new people from the two groups. Together as one body, Christ reconciled both groups to God by means of his death on the cross.. He brought this Good News of peace to you Gentiles who were far away from him, and peace to the Jews who were near. Now all of us can come to the Father through the same Holy Spirit because of what Christ has

done for us.

## Romans 5:1 (NLT)

Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, **we have peace with God** because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.

## 2 Corinthians 5:18 - 20 (NIV)

All this is from God, who **reconciled us to himself through Christ** and gave us the **ministry of reconciliation:** that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

#### Matthew 5:21-24 (NIV)

You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister, will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, 'Raca,' is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell.

Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. **First go and be reconciled to them;** then come and offer your gift.

### **Martin Lloyd-Jones**

If you are in a state of conscious enmity against another, if you are not speaking to another person, or if you are harboring these unkind thoughts and are a hindrance and an obstacle to that other, God's Word assures you that there is no value in your attempted act of worship... According to our Lord the matter is so vital that you must...as it were, even keep God waiting. Go and put it right, He says; you cannot be right with God until you put yourself right with man.

#### Hebrews 12:14 (CSB)

Pursue peace with everyone...

#### **Romans 12:18 (CSB)**

If possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.