

LIFE. DIFFERENT.

WHAT IF **GOD** TOOK OVER?

Doing God's Work

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

~Matthew 5:9

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THE GOD OF PEACE

*“God himself will be with them and be their God.
He will wipe away every tear from their eyes.
There will be no mourning or crying or pain,
for the old order has passed away.”*

~Revelation 21:3

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THE PRINCE OF PEACE

“He himself is our peace.”

~Ephesians 2:14

“For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in Jesus, and through him to reconcile to himself all things...by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.”

~Colossians 1:19-20

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THE PRINCE OF PEACE

“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.”

~Colossians 3:15

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THE PRINCE OF PEACE

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.”

~John 14:27

“Don’t be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

~Philippians 4:6-7

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THE SPIRIT OF PEACE

“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.”

~Galatians 5:22-23

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NEW TESTAMENT PEACE

A state of freedom from anxiety, worry and inner turmoil in the midst of stressful situations; tranquility of mind; security that harmony produces.

- Eirene—(εἰρήνη): To bind something together. Literally, *“holding it all together”* when everything is falling apart.
- Eirene occurs 88 times in the New Testament; it is mentioned at least once in every book.

OLD TESTAMENT PEACE

Shalom—(שָׁלוֹם): To be complete, perfect and full.

- Perfect welfare, serenity and happiness; not merely calm in the midst of conflict, but everything that makes for contentment and good.
- Right relationships; intimacy, fellowship and uninterrupted good will between two people.

PEACE-LOVERS

Note: It is not the “*peace-lover*” who is blessed, it is the “*peace-maker*”.

- A “*peace at any price*” mentality is Satanically inspired. It evades critical issues that prevent peace, often pacifying wrong behavior, punishing right behavior and preventing healing behavior.
- Peace without repentance is selfish, and any time self is first, peace will always be last.

“They dress the wound of my people as though it were not serious. ‘Peace, peace,’ they say, when there is no peace. Are they ashamed of their loathsome conduct? No, they have no shame at all; they do not even know how to blush. So they will fall among the fallen; they will be brought down when they are punished, says the Lord.”

~Jeremiah 8:11-12

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PEACE-MAKERS

Biblical peacemaking is more than just putting salve on a relational wound or burying strife, it is replacing hurt and hostility with righteousness.

- A true peacemaker courageously declares God's terms for making individuals, groups and nations whole.
- True peacemaking can only stop hostility, end turmoil and bring restoration by replacing wrong with righteousness.

PEACEMAKING

1. Biblical peacemaking begins when I make peace with God.

“Even when we were God's enemies, he made peace with us, because his Son died for us.”

~Romans 5:10

PEACEMAKING

2. Biblical peacemaking means I must lead others to make peace with God.

“The message of Good News [is] that there is peace with God through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.”

~Acts 10:36 (NLT)

PEACEMAKING

3. Biblical peacemaking means I must help others make peace with others.

“Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.”

~Romans 14:19

SONS OF GOD

“They shall be called”: A Hebraism meaning, *“they will be acknowledged as”*.

- Grammatically, the phrase is in a continuous future passive tense.
- The passive tense indicates that all of heaven will eternally celebrate them because God has forever honored them by calling them his children.

SONS OF GOD

“Sons of God”: The Greek word is *“sons”* (υἱοὶ) , not *“children”* (τέκνα).

- In Jewish thought, *“son”* often mean *“partakers in the character of”*; thus *“sons of God”* has a different connotation that *“children of God”*.
- Both expressions refer to some family relationship, but *“son”* has more emphasis on character than position.

SONS OF GOD

No one is more kin to God than the one whose life is spent bringing God's peace to Planet Earth.

*"Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they are doing God's work!"*

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