

Finding Your Happy Place

Week 8

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called [children] sons of God."

Matthew 5:9 (NIV)

1. God _____ Peace.

"When Gideon realized that it was the angel of the LORD, he exclaimed, "Ah, Sovereign LORD! I have seen the angel of the LORD face to face!"²³ But the LORD said to him, "Peace! Do not be afraid. You are not going to die."²⁴ So Gideon built an altar to the LORD there and called it The LORD is Peace."

Judges 6:22–24a (NIV)

2. God _____ Peace.

A. _____.

"For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ,²⁰ and through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross."

Colossians 1:19–20 (NLT)

B. _____.

"This includes you who were once far away from God. You were his enemies, separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions.²² Yet now he has reconciled you to himself through the death of Christ in his physical body."

Colossians 1:21–22a (NLT)

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"You adulterers! Don't you realize that friendship with the world makes you an enemy of God? I say it again: If you want to be a friend of the world, you make yourself an enemy of God.⁵ Do you think the Scriptures have no meaning? They say that God is passionate that the spirit he has placed within us should be faithful to him.⁶ And he gives grace generously. As the Scriptures say, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

James 4:4–6 (NLT)

4. God _____ the Making of Peace.

"And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him.¹⁹ For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation."

2 Corinthians 5:18–19 (NLT)

A. Between _____ and God.

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2 Corinthians 5:20 (NLT)

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"Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.¹³ Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony.¹⁵ And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful."

Colossians 3:12–15 (NLT)

C. Between us and _____.

"Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone."

Romans 12:18 (NLT)

5. Called Children of God.

* By _____.

"See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are!"

1 John 3:1a (NLT)

"Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children."

Ephesians 5:1 (NLT)

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1 John 3:1b (NLT)

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