THE QUESTION

# What does it mean to be a peacemaker (Matthew 5:9)?

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## The short answer *From the text: says what the passages say*

A peacemaker loves peace and works to make it. The early writers say Christians, as children of God, should seek peace, guard their tongues, and bring quarreling people back together. They add that peace starts inside, by calming anger and passion, and that it may mean forgiving quickly, accepting loss, or lovingly correcting someone.

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## God's children are called to make peace

***Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say***

Cyprian ties the beatitude to being God's sons. He says those who share Christ's inheritance should stay in His peace, and he describes peacemakers as gentle, plain in speech and joined to one another in love.

**1**

"If we are sons of God, we ought to be peacemakers."

*later in the same passage*

"The sons of God ought to be peacemakers, gentle in heart, simple in speech, united in affection, and faithfully joined to one another in the bonds of unanimity."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Cyprian,** *Treatises* (c. 248–258 AD)
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## Peacemakers seek peace and guard their tongues

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Cyprian draws on the psalm about seeking peace. He says a person who loves the bond of love will chase after peace and keep his speech free from words that divide people.

**2**

"The son of peace ought to seek peace and pursue it. He who knows and loves the bond of charity ought to keep his tongue from the evil of dissension."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Cyprian,** *Treatises* (c. 248–258 AD)
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## Bring people who quarrel back together

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The Didache, an early church manual, says a Christian should not want division but should help those in conflict make peace. The Apostolic Constitutions repeat this and point to Moses as an example.

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**3** “You shall not desire division, but shall bring to peace those who contend.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Didache,** *Teaching of the Twelve Apostles* 4 (c. 50–120 AD) **Source 1, page 6** **Read it in the library ›**
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**4** “You shall make peace between those who are in conflict, as Moses did when he persuaded them to be friends.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Apostolic Constitutions** (c. 250–380 AD) **Source 19, page 7** **Read it in the library ›**
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## Peace begins inside your own heart

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The Apostolic Constitutions say you cannot give others a peace you do not have. Clement of Alexandria adds that peacemakers first tame the anger and lust that war inside them.

**5** “For he who does not have it within himself is not fit to give it to others. Therefore, before all things, it is our duty to be at peace in our own minds.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Apostolic Constitutions** (c. 250–380 AD) **Source 17, page 7** **Read it in the library ›**
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**6** “They have subdued and tamed the law that wars against the mind's disposition, the threats of anger, the lures of lust, and the other passions that fight against reason.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Alexandria,** *Stromata* 4.6 (c. 190–215 AD) **Source 7, page 6** **Read it in the library ›**
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## Peacemakers lead others back to peace

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Clement says peacemaking also means teaching people caught in sin and error. He pictures peacemakers as farmers and teachers who bring people back to faith and to the peace found in the Word.

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**7** “They also are peacemakers who teach those who fight against the schemes of sin to turn to faith and peace.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Alexandria,** *Stromata* 4.6 (c. 190–215 AD) **Source 7, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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**8** “By teaching those who are at war in their life and errors here, they lead them back to the peace that is in the Word, and they feed, by distributing bread, those who hunger for righteousness, for the life that is according to God.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Alexandria,** *Stromata* 1.1 (c. 190–215 AD) **Source 6, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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## Make peace quickly before anger hardens

***Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say***

The Apostolic Constitutions tell church leaders to be peacemakers and free from anger. They say to reconcile fast, so that anger does not settle into hatred, and they warn that God does not hear prayers from people at odds with a brother.

**9** “Therefore be righteous judges, peacemakers, and free from anger.”

*later in the same passage*

“That is, be quickly reconciled, lest your anger continue so long that it turns into settled hatred and produces sin.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Apostolic Constitutions** (c. 250–380 AD) **Source 16, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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## Better to suffer loss than to fight

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The Apostolic Constitutions urge Christians to accept harm rather than take one another to court. They ask leaders to turn angry people into friends, and they quote the beatitude about peacemakers.

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**10** “So choose instead to suffer harm, and to pursue the things that make for peace, not only among the brothers, but also among the unbelievers.”

*later in the same passage*

“By your instruction, draw those who are angry into friendship, and those who are at odds into agreement.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Apostolic Constitutions** (c. 250–380 AD) **Source 15, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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## Honest correction can also make peace

***Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say***

Clement shows that peacemaking is not the same as avoiding hard words. In his book the Instructor, who is Christ, says that bold correction aimed at a person's salvation is itself peacemaking.

**11** “Since he who reproves with boldness is a peacemaker. And if you hear me, you shall be saved.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Alexandria,** *Instructor* 3.12 (c. 190–215 AD) **Source 8, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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THE LIMITS

## What these passages don’t tell us

- These passages speak mostly about peace among believers and in the church, not about peace between nations.
- They do not set out step-by-step rules for settling every kind of conflict.
- A word-for-word match shows that a quotation really is in our text. It does not show that our reading of it is right, or who wrote each work.

WHERE EVERY QUOTE CAME FROM

## The Sources

The 23 early Christian passages and 154 Bible verses we kept for this question (repeats and weak or off-topic search hits were left out): early Christian passages first (sources 1–23, grouped by writer, earliest first), then Bible verses in The Faith Once Delivered Bible (sources 24–102, in Bible order), then 75 more verses THF links

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to these passages, by reference. **Quote 1, page 2** beside a source shows where the study quotes it. Passages are in THF's updated English unless marked "1885 English" (the Roberts–Donaldson translation, public domain). "… [continues online]" marks a passage the library gave only in part. **On paper?** At **thehistoricfaith.com**, Bible verses are in the **Audio Bible** and early Christian writings in the **Library** (search for the title).

## EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITERS *23 passages from 11 writers*

### **Didache**, *c. 50–120 AD · source 1*

**1** *Teaching of the Twelve Apostles* 4 (1885 English) **Quote 3, page 3** "shall not long for division, but shall bring those who contend to peace… [continues online] **read ›**

### **Ignatius of Antioch**, *c. 98–117 AD · source 2*

**2** *Epistle of Ignatius to the Ephesians* (1885 English) "is better than that peace which is according to Christ, by which all war, both of aërial and terrestrial spirits, is brought to an end… [continues online] **read ›**

### **Tatian**, *c. 150–180 AD · source 3*

**3** *Diatessaron* 8 "Matthew 5:9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God" **read ›**

### **Irenaeus**, *c. 175–202 AD · source 4*

**4** *Fragments from the Lost Writings of Irenæus* as it was, through simplicity or personal preference. Yet, despite this, all of them lived in peace with one another, and we also maintain peace together. Thus, the difference in… [continues online] **read ›**

### **Clement of Alexandria**, *c. 190–215 AD · sources 5–8*

**5** *Stromata* 4.8 us do. And above all these things, put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which you are… [continues online] **read ›**

**6** *Stromata* 1.1 **Quote 8, page 4** "life" (John 6:27). And nourishment is received both from bread and from words. And truly blessed are the peacemakers (Matthew 5:9). By teaching those who are at war… [continues online] **read ›**

**7** *Stromata* 4.6 **Quotes 6, 7, pages 3, 4** "then, are the peacemakers. They have subdued and tamed the law that wars against the mind's disposition, the threats of anger, the lures of lust, and the other passions… [continues online] **read ›**

**8** *Instructor* 3.12 (1885 English) **Quote 11, page 5** "have been spoken also, says the Instructor, by me: Since he who reproves with boldness is a peacemaker… [continues online] **read ›**

### **Tertullian**, *c. 196–220 AD · source 9*

**9** *On Patience* 11 (1885 English; on point 4) "when He marks the peacemakers Matthew 5:9 with the same title of felicity, and names them sons of God, pray have the impatient any affinity with peace… [continues online] **read ›**

### **Origen**, *c. 215–254 AD · sources 10–11*

**10** *Commentary on Matthew* 14 devour one another and so be consumed by one another. Galatians 5:15 For discord destroys, but concord gathers together and welcomes the Son of God, who comes into the… [continues online] **read ›**

**11** *Against Celsus* 63 (1885 English; on point 5) "we who know the maxim, Blessed are the peacemakers, and this also, Blessed are the meek, would not regard with hatred the corrupters of Christianity, nor term those who had… [continues online] **read ›**

### **Cyprian**, *c. 248–258 AD · sources 12–14*

**12** *Treatises* **Quotes 1, 2, page 2** "we are sons of God, we ought to be peacemakers… [continues online] **read ›**

**13** *Treatises* (1885 English) "God of peace and the Teacher of concord, who taught unity, willed that one should thus pray for all, even as He Himself bore us all in one… [continues online] **read ›**

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**14** *Epistles* (1885 English) “For unity and peace and concord afford the greatest pleasure not only to men who believe and know the truth, but also to heavenly angels themselves, to whom the divine… [continues online] **read ›**

### Apostolic Constitutions, *c. 250–380 AD · sources 15–19*

**15** *Apostolic Constitutions* **Quote 10, page 5** “the Lord says, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God." Matthew 5:9… [continues online] **read ›**

**16** *Apostolic Constitutions* **Quote 9, page 4** “is eternal life to men, just as His rebuke is everlasting death. Therefore be righteous judges, peacemakers, and free from anger. For he who is angry with his brother without… [continues online] **read ›**

**17** *Apostolic Constitutions* **Quote 5, page 3** God, and be reconciled to their brothers. For if, when we enter anyone’s house, we are to say, “Peace be to this house,” Matthew 10:12, like sons of… [continues online] **read ›**

**18** *Apostolic Constitutions* “5:7. Let him also be a peacemaker, for again it is said: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God… [continues online] **read ›**

**19** *Apostolic Constitutions* (1885 English) **Quote 4, page 3** “shall make peace between those that are at variance, as Moses did when he persuaded them to be friends… [continues online] **read ›**

### Lactantius, *c. 290–320 AD · source 20*

**20** *Divine Institutes* 10 (1885 English; on point 4) “it is among those who are ignorant of wars, who maintain concord with all, who are friendly even to their enemies, who love all men as brethren, who know how… [continues online] **read ›**

### Clement of Rome · *sources 21–23*

**21** *First Epistle to the Corinthians* (on point 2) “from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it… [continues online] **read ›**

**22** *First Epistle to the Corinthians* (1885 English; on point 1) “us cleave, therefore, to those who cultivate peace with godliness, and not to those who hypocritically profess to desire it… [continues online] **read ›**

**23** *First Epistle to the Corinthians* (1885 English) “having so many great and glorious examples set before us, let us turn again to the practice of that peace which from the beginning was the mark set before us… [continues online] **read ›**

## THE BIBLE *79 verses, The Faith Once Delivered Bible (Old Testament from the Septuagint), in Bible order*

**24** **Genesis 34:21** “These men are peaceful. Let them dwell with us in the land and trade in it; and see, the land is wide before them. We will take their daughters as wives for ourselves, and we will give them our daughters. **read ›**

**25** **Genesis 42:11** We are all sons of one man. We are men of peace; your servants are not spies.” **read ›**

**26** **Genesis 42:19** If you are men of peace, let one of your brothers be held in custody, and the rest of you go and carry home the grain you have bought. **read ›**

**27** **Numbers 6:26** the Lord lift up his face upon you, and give you peace.”’ **read ›**

**28** **Deuteronomy 20:10** And if you draw near to a city to fight against them, invite them to come out in peace. **read ›**

**29** **Deuteronomy 28:3** Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field. **read ›**

**30** **1 Samuel 25:33** and blessed be your conduct, and blessed are you, who have kept me this very day from coming into bloodshed and from saving myself with my own hand. **read ›**

**31** **2 Samuel 20:19** I am one of the peaceful among the supports of Israel; but you are seeking to put to death a city and a mother city in Israel. Why would you swallow up the inheritance of the Lord?” **read ›**

**32** **Job 3:1** After this Job opened his mouth and cursed his day, **read ›**

**33** **Psalms 34:14** Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. (Septuagint Psalm 33:15 (Psalm 34:14 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

**34** **Psalms 37:37** Keep innocence, and look on uprightness, for there is a remnant for the peaceful man. (Septuagint Psalm 36:37 (Psalm 37:37 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

**35** **Psalms 120:7** With those who hate peace I was peaceful; when I spoke to them, they made war against me without cause. (Septuagint Psalm 119:7 (Psalm 120:7 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

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36 **Proverbs 8:23** Before the age he founded me, in the beginning, before he made the earth, **read ›**

37 **Ecclesiastes 1:4** A generation goes, and a generation comes, and the earth stands forever. **read ›**

38 **Isaiah 2:4** And he shall judge among the nations, and rebuke a numerous people; and they shall beat their swords into plows, and their spears into sickles; and nation shall not take up sword against nation, and they shall never again learn war. **read ›**

39 **Isaiah 14:3** And it shall come to pass in that day that the Lord will give you rest from your anguish and your anger, and from your hard slavery, in which you served them. **read ›**

40 **Jeremiah 28:11** And Hananiah spoke before the eyes of all the people, saying, “Thus said the Lord: So I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon from the necks of all the nations.” And Jeremiah went his way. (Septuagint Jeremiah 35:11 (Jeremiah 28:11 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

41 **Jeremiah 33:15** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

42 **Jeremiah 36:11** Micaiah the son of Gemariah, the son of Shaphan, heard all the words of the Lord from the book. (Septuagint Jeremiah 43:11 (Jeremiah 36:11 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

43 **Jeremiah 36:22** The king was sitting in the winter house, and a brazier of fire was before him. (Septuagint Jeremiah 43:22 (Jeremiah 36:22 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

44 **Micah 4:3** And he will judge between many peoples and rebuke strong nations far away; and they will beat their swords into plows and their spears into sickles; and nation shall never again lift up sword against nation, nor shall they ever learn war again. **read ›**

45 **Micah 5:5** And she shall have peace when Assyria comes against your land, and when he sets foot on your country; and seven shepherds will be raised against him, and eight bites of men, (Septuagint Micah 5:4 (Micah 5:5 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

46 **Judith 3:1** So they sent messengers to him with words of peace, saying, **read ›**

47 **Wisdom of Solomon 14:7** For blessed is the wood through which righteousness comes. **read ›**

48 **Wisdom of Sirach 13:18** What peace has a hyena with a dog? And what peace has a rich man with a needy one? **read ›**

49 **Wisdom of Sirach 14:20** Blessed is the man who will end his days in wisdom, and who will reason by his understanding; **read ›**

50 **Wisdom of Sirach 25:1** In three things I was made beautiful, and I stood up in beauty before the Lord and men: harmony among brothers, and friendship among neighbors, and a wife and husband who suit each other. **read ›**

51 **Wisdom of Sirach 28:8** Keep away from quarrels, and you will lessen sins, for a hot-tempered man will kindle a quarrel. **read ›**

52 **Wisdom of Sirach 28:9** And a sinful man will trouble friends, and he casts slander among those who are at peace. **read ›**

53 **Wisdom of Sirach 37:24** A wise man will be filled with blessing, and all who see him will call him blessed. **read ›**

54 **Wisdom of Sirach 38:8** With these the perfumer will make a mixture, and his works will by no means be finished, and from him there is peace over the face of the earth. **read ›**

55 **Wisdom of Sirach 44:6** rich men furnished with strength, living at peace in their homes; **read ›**

56 **Wisdom of Sirach 48:10** you were written down for rebukes at the appointed times, to calm anger before wrath, to turn the heart of a father to his son, and to restore the tribes of Jacob. **read ›**

57 **Wisdom of Sirach 48:11** Blessed are those who saw you, and those adorned with love; for we too shall live with life. **read ›**

58 **1 Maccabees 3:43** And each said to his neighbor, “Let us repair the ruin of our people, and let us fight for our people and the sanctuary.” **read ›**

59 **1 Maccabees 6:58** Now therefore let us give these men our right hand, and make peace with them and with all their nation; **read ›**

60 **1 Maccabees 6:60** The proposal pleased the king and the rulers, and he sent to them to make peace, and they accepted it. **read ›**

61 **1 Maccabees 8:23** May it go well with the Romans and with the nation of the Jews on sea and on land forever, and may sword and enemy be far from them. **read ›**

62 **1 Maccabees 11:50** “Give us your right hand, and let the Jews stop fighting against us and the city.” **read ›**

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63 **1 Maccabees 13:40** And if any of you are fit to be enrolled among those of our court, let them be enrolled, and let there be peace between us." **read ›**

64 **2 Maccabees 1:4** May he open your heart to his law and to his statutes, and may he make peace. **read ›**

65 **2 Maccabees 7:38** and that through me and my brothers the wrath of the Almighty, which has justly fallen on our whole race, may come to an end." **read ›**

66 **2 Maccabees 11:26** You will do well, therefore, to send to them and give them right hands, so that, knowing our purpose, they may be of good cheer and gladly go on with the conduct of their own affairs." **read ›**

67 **2 Maccabees 14:19** So he sent Posidonius, Theodotus, and Mattathias to give and receive right hands. **read ›**

68 **3 Maccabees 3:15** So we resolved, not by force of the spear but with gentleness and much kindness, to nurture the nations living in Coelesyria and Phoenicia, and gladly to do them good. **read ›**

69 **3 Maccabees 6:27** Loose, loose the unjust bonds! Send them away to their own homes in peace, asking pardon for what has been done before. **read ›**

70 **4 Maccabees 14:3** O sacred and harmonious unity of the seven brothers for godliness! **read ›**

71 **1 Enoch 11:2** And then truth and peace shall be joined together for all the days of the age and for all the generations of men." **read ›**

72 **1 Enoch 12:5** and you shall have no peace or forgiveness. And as for their sons, in whom they rejoice, **read ›**

73 **1 Enoch 53:4** And I asked the angel of peace who went with me: "For whom are they preparing these instruments?" **read ›**

74 **1 Enoch 58:2** Blessed are you, you righteous and chosen, for glorious shall be your lot. **read ›**

75 **1 Enoch 58:4** And they shall seek the light and find righteousness with the Lord of Spirits; there shall be peace to the righteous in the name of the eternal Lord. **read ›**

76 **1 Enoch 71:15** And he said to me: "He proclaims to you peace in the name of the world to come; for from here peace has proceeded since the creation of the world, and so it shall be to you forever and forever and ever. **read ›**

77 **1 Enoch 82:4** Blessed are all the righteous; blessed are all those who walk in the way of righteousness and do not sin as the sinners, in the reckoning of all their days in which the sun traverses the heaven, entering into and departing from the portals for thirty days with the heads of thousands of the order of the stars, together with the four which are added, which divide the four portions of the year, which lead them and enter with them four days. **read ›**

78 **1 Enoch 94:4** But seek and choose for yourselves righteousness and a chosen life, and walk in the paths of peace, and you shall live and prosper. **read ›**

79 **1 Enoch 99:10** And then blessed are all who have heard the words of those of sound judgment and shall learn them, to do the commandments of the Most High, and shall walk in the paths of his righteousness, and shall certainly not lead astray with those who lead astray; and they shall be saved. **read ›**

80 **1 Enoch 99:13** Woe to those who build their buildings not from their own labors, and of stones and of bricks you make every building; there is no joy for you. **read ›**

81 **1 Enoch 105:2** For I and my Son will be united with them forever in the paths of uprightness in their lives; and you shall have peace. Rejoice, you children of uprightness. Amen." **read ›**

82 **Matthew 5:5** Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. **read ›**

83 **Matthew 5:7** Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. **read ›**

84 **Matthew 5:9** Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. **read ›**

85 **Matthew 5:10** Blessed are those who have been persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **read ›**

86 **Luke 8:16** No one, when he has lit a lamp, covers it with a container or puts it under a bed; but puts it on a stand, that those who enter in may see the light. **read ›**

87 **John 3:12** If I told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? **read ›**

88 **Acts 2:4** They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other languages, as the Spirit gave them the ability to speak. **read ›**

89 **Acts 26:3** especially because you are expert in all customs and questions which are among the Jews. Therefore I beg you to hear me patiently. **read ›**

90 **Acts 26:12** While engaged in this, I traveled to Damascus with authority and a commission from the chief priests. **read ›**

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**91** **Acts 27:5** When we had sailed across the sea which is off Cilicia and Pamphylia, we came to Myra, a city of Lycia. **read ›**

**92** **Romans 6:14** For sin will not have dominion over you, for you are not under law, but under grace. **read ›**

**93** **Romans 8:15** For you did not receive the spirit of slavery again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” **read ›**

**94** **Romans 12:18** If it is possible, as much as it is up to you, be at peace with all men. **read ›**

**95** **Romans 14:19** So then, let us follow after things which make for peace, and things by which we may build one another up. **read ›**

**96** **Romans 15:33** Now the God of peace be with you all. Amen. **read ›**

**97** **2 Corinthians 13:11** Finally, brothers, rejoice! Be perfected. Be comforted. Be of the same mind. Live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. **read ›**

**98** **Ephesians 4:3** being eager to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. **read ›**

**99** **Hebrews 12:14** Follow after peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no man will see the Lord, **read ›**

**100** **James 3:18** Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. **read ›**

**101** **1 Peter 3:8** Finally, all of you be like-minded, compassionate, loving as brothers, tenderhearted, courteous, **read ›**

**102** **1 Peter 3:11** Let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. **read ›**

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