

## Finding Peace in the Pieces

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Matthew 5:9

**Peace Piece #1:** Jesus offers us peace in the midst of the pieces of our life by bringing healing to our **personal pain** through His **presence** with us.

*On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."—John 20:19-23 (ESV)*

**Peace Piece #2:** Jesus offers us peace in the midst of the pieces of our life by bringing wholeness to our **whole mess** when His **Spirit** is in us.

*These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. 'Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.—John 14:25-27 (ESV)*

**Peace Piece #3:** Jesus offers us peace in the midst of the pieces of our life by repairing **broken relationships** through His **grace** among us.

*From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin, who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*  
— 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (ESV)

**Peace Purpose:** Jesus offers peace in the midst of the pieces of our life by making us **peacemakers** who **add to life** as children of God.

*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.—Matthew 5:9 (ESV)*