

***Peacemakers make peace between who, man and man? No!
They make peace between God and their fellow man.***

Matt. 5:9 Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Col. 1:20 And, having made *peace* through the blood of his cross, by him to *reconcile* all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. 21 And you, that were sometime *alienated* and *enemies in your mind* by wicked works, yet now hath he *reconciled* 22 In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreprouable in his sight: 23 If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

Eph. 2:15 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; 16 And that he might *reconcile both unto God* in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: 17 And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.

John. 14:27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: *not as the world giveth*, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. *In the world ye shall have tribulation*: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

Note: He did not come to give us peace with the world.

“Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.”—Matthew 5:9.

Christ is “the Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:6), and it is His mission to restore to earth and heaven the peace that sin has broken. “Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” Romans 5:1. *Whoever consents to renounce sin and open his heart to the love of Christ, becomes a partaker of this heavenly peace.* { MB 27.2 }

There is no other ground of peace than this. The grace of Christ received into the heart, subdues enmity; it allays strife and fills the soul with love. He who is at

peace with God and his fellow men cannot be made miserable. Envy will not be in his heart; evil surmisings will find no room there; hatred cannot exist. The heart that is in harmony with God is a partaker of the peace of heaven and will diffuse its blessed influence on all around. The spirit of peace will rest like dew upon hearts weary and troubled with worldly strife. { MB 27.3}

Christ's followers are sent to the world with the message of peace. Whoever, by the quiet, unconscious influence of a holy life, shall reveal the love of Christ; whoever, by word or deed, *shall lead another to renounce sin and yield his heart to God, is a peacemaker.* { MB 28.1}

And “blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.” The spirit of peace is evidence of their connection with heaven. The sweet savor of Christ surrounds them. The fragrance of the life, the loveliness of the character, reveal to the world the fact that they are children of God. Men take knowledge of them that they have been with Jesus. “Everyone that loveth is born of God.” “If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His;” but “as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.” 1 John 4:7; Romans 8:9, 14. { MB 28.2}

“And the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many people as a dew from the Lord, as the showers upon the grass, that tarrieth not for man, nor waiteth for the sons of men.” Micah 5:7. { MB 28.3}

Glimpse of their work.

Isa. 58:12 And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, *The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.* 13 If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: 14 Then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

Note: Paul was a peacemaker, as was Abel, Samuel, Moses, etc., reconciling their fellow men to God by Jesus Christ!

False Peacemakers Say.

The position that it is of ***no consequence what men believe is one of Satan's most successful deceptions.*** He knows that the truth, received in the love of it, sanctifies the soul of the receiver; therefore he is constantly seeking to substitute ***false theories, fables, another gospel.*** ***From the beginning*** the servants of God have contended against false teachers, not merely as vicious men, but as inculcators of falsehoods that were fatal to the soul. Elijah, Jeremiah, Paul, firmly and fearlessly opposed those who were turning men from the word of God. That liberality which regards a correct religious faith as unimportant found no favor with these holy defenders of the truth. {GC 520.2}

The ***truth*** and the glory of God are inseparable; it is impossible for us, with the Bible within our reach, to honor God by erroneous opinions. ***Many claim that it matters not what one believes, if his life is only right.*** But the life is molded by the faith. If light and truth is within our reach, and we neglect to improve the privilege of hearing and seeing it, we virtually reject it; we are choosing darkness rather than light. {GC 597.2}

There are but two parties. Satan works with his crooked, deceiving power, and through strong delusions he catches all who do not abide in the truth, who have turned away their ears from the truth, and have turned unto ***fables.*** Satan himself abode not in the truth; he is the mystery of iniquity. ***Through his subtlety he gives to his soul-destroying errors the appearance of truth.*** Herein is their power to deceive. {2MCP 699.3}

It is because they are a ***counterfeit*** of the truth that spiritualism, ***theosophy***, and the like deceptions gain such power over the minds of men. Herein is the masterly working of Satan. He pretends to be the saviour of man, the benefactor of the human race, and thus he more readily lures his victims to destruction.--SpT Series A, No. 9, Sept 24, 1897. (TM 365.) {2MCP 699.4}

Reality

Faith is the medium through which ***truth or error finds a lodging place in the mind.*** It is by the same act of mind that truth or error is received, but it makes a decided difference whether we believe the Word of God or the sayings of men. {1SM 346.3}

There is no Bible sanctification for those who cast a part of the truth behind them. There is light enough given in the word of God, so that none need err. The truth is so elevated as to be admired by the greatest minds, and yet it is so simple

that the humblest, feeblest child of God can comprehend it, and be instructed by it. Those who see not the beauty that there is in the truth, who attach no importance to the third angel's message, will be without excuse; for the truth is plain. {1T 338.3}