

Peacemakers

In the early 1870s, Colt Manufacturing Company produced a revolver the public dubbed Peacemaker.¹ The peacemaker in Matthew 5:9 (NKJV) is not about a revolver. It is about a person who loves peace.² Such a person loves their enemies, blesses those who curse them, does good to those who hate them, and prays for those who spitefully use and persecute them. *As much as it depends on us, we are to live peaceably with everyone*. The Samaritan who found a wounded Jew on the road from Jerusalem to Jericho and cared for him is an example of a peacemaker. To be a peacemaker, one must open their life to God, allowing Him to remove judgment, hatred, anger, and negative words, then replace them with His peace. One who is at peace with themselves has the character of a son or daughter of God. Their life will resemble that of Jesus.³ Beloved, as the peace of Jesus fills you, others will acknowledge you as a son or daughter of God.⁴ Shalom!!

Footnote:

- 1. The National Interest, Kyle Mizokami, January 24, 2019
- Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament, 1518 peacemaker
- $2.\ Thayer's\ Greek-English\ Lexicon\ of\ the\ New\ Testament,\ 2564\ called$
- 3. Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament, 5207 son

Matthew 5:9, 44-45, Romans 12:18, Luke 10:29-37; Galatians 4:6, Romans 8:14, John 1:12, 3:1-2, 13:34; Philippians 3:13-16.

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