

SERMON *on the* MOUNT

The Character of a Citizen Pt. 3
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“This will remind us that the words ‘peace’ and ‘appeasement’ are not synonyms. For the peace of God is not peace at any price.”


And

“There is such a thing as cheap peace. Peace at any cost or peace at the expense of things like doctrine.” (or easy believism)

- John Stott



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- **Romans 12:18** If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.
 - **2 Corinthians 13:11** Finally, brethren, rejoice, be made complete, be comforted, be like-minded, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.
 - **Ephesians 4:3** Being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
 - **Hebrews 12:14** Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord.
 - **James 3:17-18** But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy. And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.
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“Making peace is part of God’s gracious character. Those who have become members of His family will share in His family likeness. His sons will be peacemakers.”

- Sinclair Ferguson

“Peacemaking does not make one a child of God, but peacemaking is an essential expression of divine sonship. Sons of God will bear a resemblance to their heavenly Father.”

- Charles Quarles



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- **Matthew 10:24-25** A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a slave above his master. It is enough for the disciple that he become like his teacher, and the slave like his master. If they have called the head of the house Beelzebul, how much more *will they malign* the members of his household!
- **2 Tim. 3:12** Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.
- **1 Peter 2:21** For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps.
- **1 Peter 4:12** Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you;



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“This means that there is no promise of happiness for those who are persecuted for being a nuisance, for Christians who have shown themselves to be objectionable, difficult, foolish, and insulting to their non-Christian friends...

Well then, if the verse does not mean being persecuted for being objectionable, or doing wrong, or being fanatical, or enduring a cause, what does it mean? What does it mean to be persecuted for the righteousness’ sake, for Christ’s sake? Simply put, it means to be persecuted for being like the Lord Jesus Christ Himself.”

- James Boice

