

Live Peaceably

Introduction:

1. As you read the Bible, it is very clear – God has called us to live a life of peace. Romans 12:18, 14:19
2. Did you know that God is deeply interested in peace? We see this truth evident from Genesis to Revelation. Let's consider a few biblical facts:
 - Peace is part of God's very _____. Romans 15:33; 1 Corinthians 14:33; 2 Corinthians 13:11; Philippians 4:9
 - Peace is one of the great blessings that God gives to those who _____ Him. Psalm 29:11, 119:165; Proverbs 16:7; Galatians 6:16; Philippians 4:6-7
 - God repeatedly commands His people to _____ and pursue peace. Psalm 34:14; Romans 12:18, 14:19; 2 Corinthians 13:11; Colossians 3:15; 1 Thessalonians 5:13; Hebrews 12:14
 - Nearly all of the New Testament epistles either begin or end with a _____ for peace. Example: Romans 1:7, 15:13
3. There are three dimensions to the peace that God offers to us through Christ:

Peace With _____

- Jesus has made it possible for the enemies of God to be made at peace with God. Colossians 1:19-20
 - *“Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” Romans 5:1*

Peace With _____

1. Through Christ's sacrifice, the way has been opened to enjoy peace with other _____. Ephesians 2:14-18
2. God commands us to do all that we possibly can to be at peace with others, and dwell in _____ with them.

- *“If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.”* **Romans 12:18**
- *“Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”*
Ephesians 4:3
- We are to be proactive in seeking peace, not just waiting for it to come to us.
 - ◇ *“Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.”*
Psalm 34:14

Peace Within _____

1. Internal peace is a sense of wholeness, contentment, tranquility, order, _____, and security.
2. Although nearly everyone longs for this kind of peace, it eludes most people.
3. Why is this? Because in order for us to enjoy _____ peace in our hearts, it is predicated on you being at peace with God and being at peace with others.
4. In other words, it is impossible to experience internal peace if we fail to pursue peace with God and peace with others. The three dimensions of peace are inseparably _____ by God’s design. Colossians 3:10-15