

FEAR NOT

For God hath not given
us the spirit of **fear**;
but of **power**, and of
love, and of a **sound**
mind.

2 Timothy 1:7

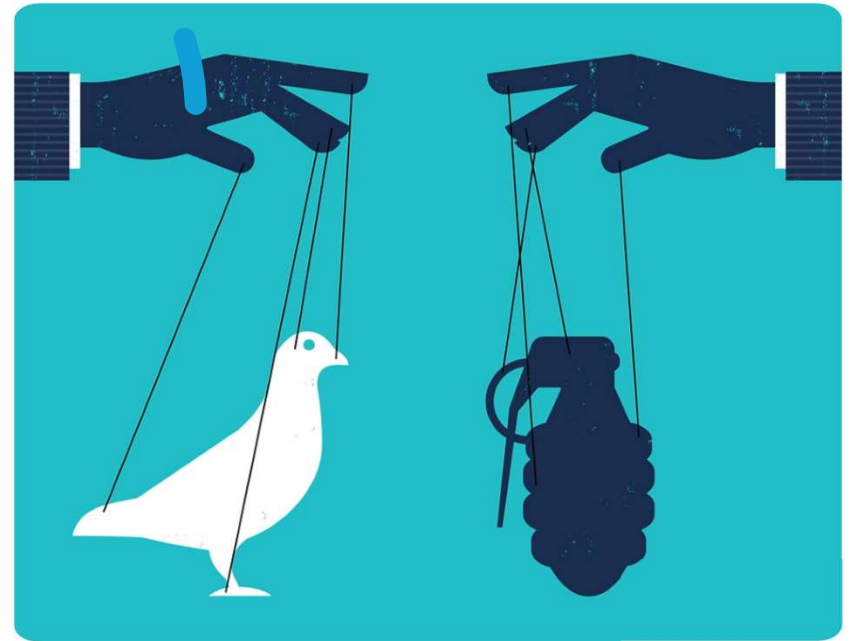
The Kingdom of God is
PEACE



- We have been learning that the **Kingdom of God is Righteousness, Peace, and Joy in the Holy Ghost.**
Romans 14:17
- In this lesson, we are going to look at the second characteristic of His rule in Kingdom of God – **PEACE**.
- His rule of **PEACE** is the continual **PEACE** that surpasses (is better than) all understanding.
 - And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall **keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.** Philippians 4:7



- The word, **PEACE**, means “safety, security, completeness, prosperity, quietness, contentment, harmony, and friendship.”
- The opposite of **PEACE** is **WAR** and **CONFLICT**.





Peace and Safety Then Sudden Destruction

- For yourselves know perfectly that the day of **the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.**
- For when they shall say, **Peace and safety**; then **sudden destruction** cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.
- But **ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.**
- **Ye are all the children of light**, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. 
- Therefore **let us not sleep**, as do others; **but let us watch and be sober.** 1 Thessalonians 5:2-6



JOHN 16:33

TAKE HEART; I HAVE OVERCOME

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. John 16:33



No PEACE means No AGREEMENT

- You can tell when there is **no peace** because there is **no agreement** – everything gets torn up and everyone gets upset.
- Has anything ever happened to you that really **troubled you**?
- Have you ever been **overly excited** and **couldn't calm down**?

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Do You have a Place of Peace?

- During times of turmoil, **what do you do to get peace?**
- **Where** do you go to get peace?
- Many say they need to “get away from it all” to go to a place where they can get some **“peace and quiet”**.
- **No matter how old you are, everyone needs a place of peace.**

JESUS, OUR PEACE!

- Christians have a **real advantage** over those who have never accepted and known Jesus as their Savior.
- Those in Christ have a “**quiet**” place – a place of **PRAYER**.
- Prayer is where we **commune with God**. We can **converse** and **connect** and **talk things over with God**.



JESUS, Our Example

- **Jesus** had a special spot away from the noisy crowd where He went to pray.
- And when he had sent the multitudes away, **he went up into a mountain apart to pray**: and when the evening was come, **he was there alone.** Matthew 14:23
- Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, **Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder.** Matthew 26:36



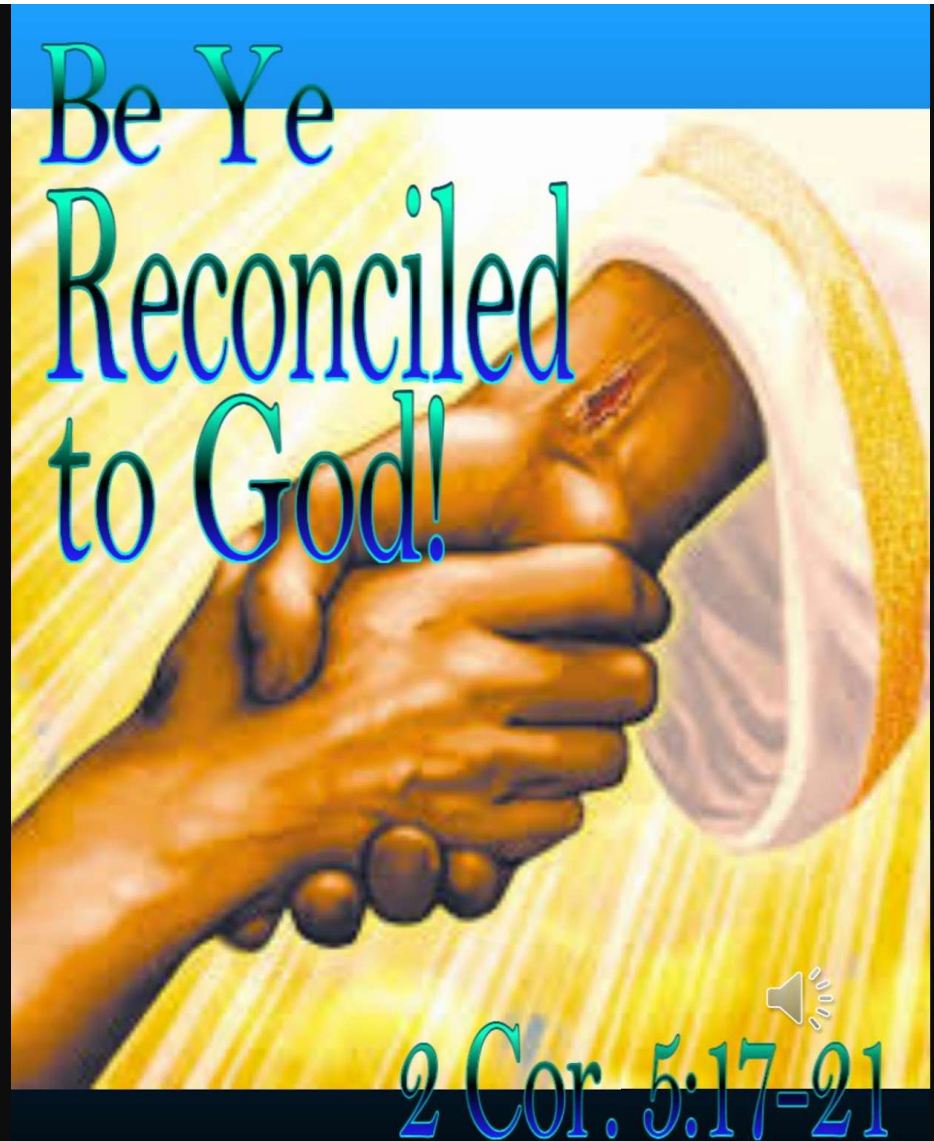
Jesus Brought Peace to YOU

- **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.** John 14:27
- Jesus is known in the Scriptures as:
 - The **Prince of Peace** (Isaiah 9:6)
 - The **King of Peace** (Hebrews 7:2)
- Peace was made between us and God **through the death of Jesus.**
 - For if, when we were enemies, we were **reconciled to God by the death of his Son**, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. Romans 5:10



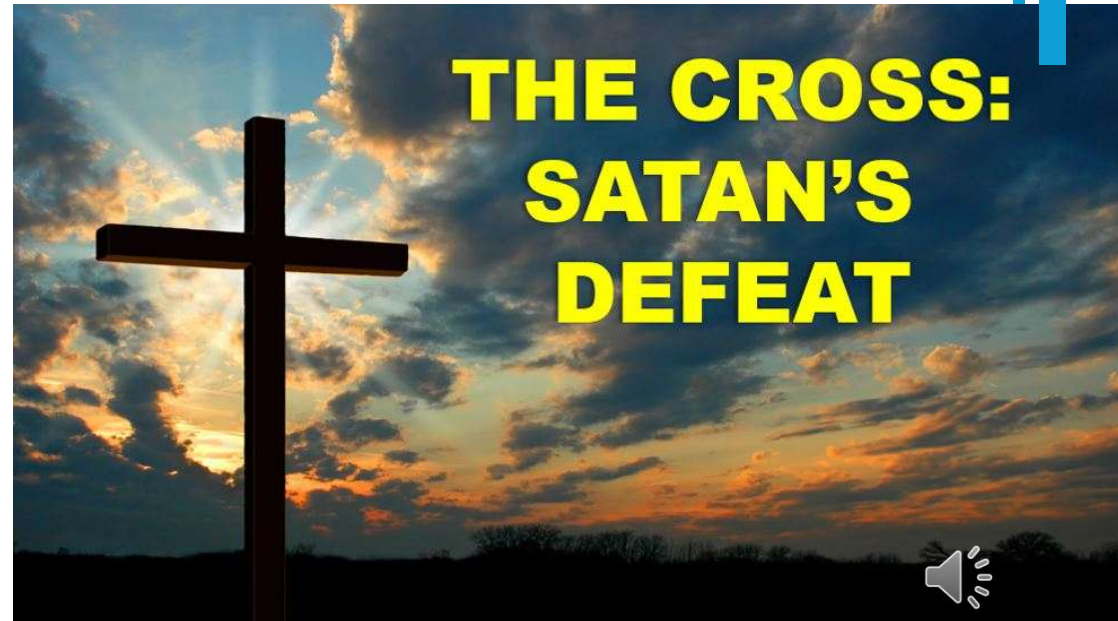
The Ministry of Reconciliation

- Adam and Eve's sin **broke the peace** and brought shame, separating all of humanity from God.
- The death of Jesus **completely reconciled us back to God.**
- This means **he restored the relationship between us and God.**
 - And all things *are* of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us **the ministry of reconciliation.** 2 Corinthians 5:18



We are Called to be Peacemakers

- **Jesus won the battle** of the ages on the cross.
- **Sin and the devil were forever defeated there.**
 - The **war is over**, and His **peace** has come.
 - Glory to God in the highest, and **on earth peace, good will toward men.** Luke 2:14
- **Because of who Jesus is** and His **sacrifice** (what he did on our behalf), **we can now have peace with God and with each other.**
- It's so much better to live in **peace** and **harmony** as **friends** and not as **enemies**.



BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS

- Some people are like an instrument out of tune with life and others.
- When the **peace** of God comes to a person's life, **harmony** is restored and they are put back in tune with His will and His original intention (purpose and plan).
 - **Blessed are the peacemakers**: for they shall be called the children of God. Matthew 5:9
- Jesus has called us as Christians to be “**peacemakers**.”

Hurt People Hurt People

- Husband and wives; mothers and fathers; brothers and sisters; young and old, sometimes (**often without realizing** it) speak hateful words to each other.
- This can become a **vicious cycle** of **repeated** behavior.
- It has been said that “**hurt people hurt people.**”
- Some believers and even preachers or leaders or groups of people disturb the peace by **quarreling** and feuding and **provoking each other.**



God is Not the Author of Confusion

- What is the answer to this **confusion**?
 - For **God is not the author of confusion, but of peace**, as in all churches of the **saints**.
1 Corinthians 14:33
- **Jesus, the Man of Peace**, brought **peace** to the earth.
 - But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.
 - For **he is our peace**, who **hath made both one**, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition *between us*;
 - Having **abolished in his flesh the enmity (opposition)**, *even* the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain **one new man, so making peace**;
 - And that he might **reconcile both unto God** in one body by the cross, **having slain the enmity** thereby;
 - And came and **preached peace to you** which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.
 - For through him **we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father**. Ephesians 2:13-18



The peace that Jesus gives (John 14:27)

- Just as Jesus brought peace to the earth, **so should we.**
- Jesus, the Mediator (the go-between) **brought harmony from us to God.**
 - For *there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.* 1 Timothy 2:5
- **Jesus reconciled people back to God and back to each other, and so should we.**
- There can be no “fight” in those who make **peace** and **bring it to others.**

let the peace of Christ rule in your heart...

Colossians 3:15

- A real peacemaker or reconciler can step in between two people who are at war with each and **declare peace**.
- This kind of ministry is given by the grace of God and is **only to be attempted if you have peace within yourself**.
- Some things to consider in **making peace within yourself** include:
 - Put away your fears. **Fear is not of God**. (2 Timothy 1:7)
 - Embrace your **faith** and **confidence** in Jesus. (Proverbs 3:26)
 - Accept the **truth** about **who you are in Christ**. (2 Corinthians 5:17)
 - Give no root to **emotions** and **thoughts** that can **distract** you from peace. (Jeremiah 17:9)
 - **Encounter** God in the **stillness**. Find a **quiet place of prayer**. (Psalms 62:5)



The Peace of God is a Person

- God's **Kingdom** is first marked by the characteristic of **RIGHTEOUSNESS**.
- Second His **Kingdom** is marked by His **PEACE**.
- The continual peace that passes all understanding is a Person – the **King of Peace is JESUS!**
- The Word of God declares that **Jesus is our Peace**.
 - For **he is our peace**, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition *between us*. Ephesians 2:14
- **Nothing else and no one else can give us this kind of peace.**

The Peace of God Passes our Understanding

- Often people turn to **drugs, alcohol** or other **destructive habits** in search of **peace**.
- **Nothing that money can buy will bring the continuous, lasting peace that only Jesus makes available to us at anytime.**
 - Be **careful for nothing**; but in **every thing** by **prayer** and **supplication** with **thanksgiving** let your requests be made known unto God.
 - And the **peace of God**, which passeth all understanding, shall **keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus**. Philippians 4:6-7



You do not
need to be
afraid of the
future.

A life filled with
PEACE, HIS PEACE,
is waiting for you.

When you are at
peace with God,
you can be at **peace**
with yourself and
with everyone else. 

Self-Reflective Indicators of Spiritual Strength

Do you have a quiet place away from the crowd where you can go and really think and pray about the things that are important to you?

Have you ever worried or lost sleep about anything? Do you know how to tap into the peace of God when that happens?

Are you mad or fighting (arguing or upset) with someone right now? Have you learned to forgive everybody for everything?



Join me in
Worship

**PEACE,
WONDERFUL
PEACE**

