

Bringing Peace

to a Hating, Raging, Violent, World (Part 4)



The Bible calls for Peace

Hatred and Fits of Rage vs Kindness and Self-control

Anger and Malice vs Love and Forgiveness

Jesus is the Ultimate _____

(Ephesians 2:14-16) For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility.

(John 14:27) Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

The Peace of Christ must live in Our _____

(Colossians 3:15) Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

(Philippians 4:6-7) Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Being Peace-_____ in a Peace-____ World

(Romans 15:33) The God of peace be with you all. Amen.

(Colossians 1:20–22) ...through him (Christ) to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. {21} Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. {22} But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation—

God wants peace between Himself and ____!

(John 13:35) By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

He wants us to make peace with _____!

(2 Corinthians 13:11 NIV) Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

(Hebrews 12:14a) Make every effort to live in peace...

(Ephesians 4:2-3) Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. {3} Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

He wants us to make peace in the ____!

(2 Corinthians 5:17–20) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! {18} All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: {19} that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. {20} We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

(Matthew 5:9) Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.

(1 Corinthians 15:35–36) But someone may ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come?" {36} How foolish! What you sow does not **come to life** (Poieo, maker) unless it dies.

Our job is to _____ peace where peace has been _____

(Matthew 5:44) But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

(James 3:18) Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.

(Romans 14:19) Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.

Peace through _____

(2 Chronicles 7:14) If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.