

PEACEMAKING PART 1

God Tells You How to Make Peace

A. The Bible talks about the nature of peace in two ways. *Heb 12:14*

1. Peace with God. *Rom 5:1*

2. General well-being (shalom).

B. Christ is the Prince of Peace who has come on a mission of peace.

1. He has made peace between God and man.

2. He makes peace between man and man. *Eph 2:11*

C. Our peacemaking flows out of Christ.

1. Biblical peacemaking is founded on the gospel.

You Cannot Completely Avoid Conflict *Rom 12:18*

A. All conflict is the result of sin.

1. Man/God. *Rom 5:10*

2. Man/Man. *Gen 3:10, 12; Jas 4:1-2*

B. Peace is sometimes out of your reach.

1. You cannot make peace at the expense of truth and righteousness. *Rom 16:17-18; Matt 10:34-38; 18:15ff; Jer 8:11; Acts 20:28; Prov 23:23; Jude 3; 1 Cor 5:6-7; 15:33; Titus 3:9-11; 2 John 1:9-11; Luke 12:15ff; Gal 1:9; 2:11ff; Heb. 2:14; Col 2:15*

2. There are some people with whom it is impossible to make peace. *1 Cor 7:15*

3. God does not hold you responsible for the sinful failures of others.

C. Conflict is very dangerous (“The Slippery Slope”, from *The Peacemaker**). Don’t make things worse through unbiblical methods of handling conflict.



1. Some fight: revenge, verbal attacks, gossip, slander, assault, murder, lawsuits. *Rom 12:17-21; Matt 5:21-22; Prov 11:9; 29:22; 12:18; 14:17; 18:8; 16:28; 11:13; 1 Cor 6:1-8; 1 Cor 7:15*

2. Others flee: denial, escape, suicide. *Eph 4:26b; 1 Sam 2:22-25; Heb 12:15*

D. Conflict brings opportunity: to glorify God, to be more like Christ, to serve others, and to bear witness to a watching world. *Rom 8:28-29; 12:14,20; 1 Cor 10:31*

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