

Practicing Peace 1st Segment

Today we see that while Jesus lives through us, we maintain peace with the brethren, with God, and through our thinking.

Q: 1) What does it mean to be of the same mind in the Lord?

- It means to think the same thing (due to a common bond) in the Lord. Unity not uniformity.
- **Peaceful Practice**, Vs. 1-3.
The Prince of Peace living through us provides peace with others.
(Ga. 5:1, 13-16. Ep. 4:1-3; 6:10-18. Col. 3:12-17 4:12)
- Jesus provides the **peace**; by the Spirit we keep the **peace**.
(Ps. 133. Mar. 9:50. Ro. 12:16-18. 1 Co. 1:10. Ep. 2:14. 1 Th. 5:13)
- The community of believers (whose names are written in the book of Life) should work together toward maintaining **unity** and **peace**.
(Ex. 32:32. Ps. 69:28. Is. 4:3. Eze. 13:9. Da. 12:1. Rom. 12:4-5; 1 Cor. 12:12; Eph. 4:15-16; Col. 2:18-19)

For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. Matthew 6:14

Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Matthew 5:23

Moreover, if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that "by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established." And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector. Matthew 18:15-17

For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation... Ephesians 2:14

Deceit is in the heart of those who devise evil, but counselors of peace have joy. Proverbs 12:20

These six things the LORD hates, yes, seven are an abomination to Him: A proud look, a lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil, a false witness who speaks lies, and one who sows discord among brethren. Proverbs 6:16-19

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

Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: 15 looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled... Hebrews 12:14-15

I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake; and I will not remember your sins. Isaiah 43:25

Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, "I repent," you shall forgive him. And the apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." Luke 17:3-5

The four things we promise with forgiveness:

1. I will not return the hurt.
2. I will not bring up this incident again and use it against you.
3. I will not talk to other about the incident.
4. I will not let this incident stand between us or hinder our relationship.

In closing,

Jesus living through us means we can forgive and remain in unity with others.



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