

Peace Makers

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“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” John 16:33

For I fear that perhaps when I come I may find you not as I wish, and that you may find me not as you wish - that perhaps there may be quarreling, jealousy, anger, hostility, slander, gossip, conceit, and disorder.

2 Corinthians 12:20 ESV

I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them. For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naive.

Romans 16:17–18 ESV

PEACE BREAKERS

- Known by love
- 'I fear' – he expected – hoped for better!
- 2 strategies – 'obstacles' & 'flattery'
- Our defense – don't be 'naïve' – we know sinners sin!

“Peace is such a precious jewel that I would give anything for it but truth.”

Matthew Henry

Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another.
Ephesians 4:25 ESV

Peace Fakers

- Look like we have it
- Act like we have it
- Sing like we have it
- Peace is not the absence of conflict – the resolution of conflict!

“A born-again person ought to possess
unspeakable peace in the spirit.”

Watchman Nee

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Peace Takers

- Peace takes work!
- “εἰρηνοποιοί” - From εἰρήνη and ποιέω
- Peace does not just happen
- “You cannot share a peace you do not have!”

“God cannot give us a happiness and peace
apart from Himself, because it is not there.
There is no such thing.”

C.S. Lewis

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- Blessings of peace – realized?
- Blessings of peace – doing or done?
- Blessing of peace – ‘children of God’
- Making peace does not always bring peace
- Making peace always brings blessing!

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- Peace of heart – God loves you and them!
- Peace of mind – God knows and has not lost control
- Peace of soul – Psalm 23 – pastures & water = now
PLUS restores soul = forever!

*“Peace from God only comes
by peace with God!”*