



The Book of ROMANS

Chapter 5

“The Ultimate Peace Treaty!”

~ TODAY WE RECEIVE THREE ARTICLES OF PEACE:

- > ARTICLE #1 – PEACE WITH GOD THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST! (v1-11)
- > ARTICLE #2 – JESUS CHRIST IS OUR PEACE! (v12-17)
- > ARTICLE #3 – THIS IS AN ETERNAL PEACE TREATY! (v18-21)

> ARTICLE #1 – PEACE WITH GOD THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST! (v1-11)

(v1-2) The Bible declares that humanity is at war with God, but God has offered us a peace treaty through His Son Jesus Christ. Tragically we took the “Prince of Peace” and nailed Him to the cross. Think about the following passages:

- **John 3:19-** *And this is the condemnation that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.*

- **James 4:4-** *Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.*

- **Ephesians 5:5-7-** *For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not be partakers with them.*

- **1 John 3:8-** *He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.*

- **Listen to Paul in Colossians 1:19-23** - *For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross. And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight -- if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister.*

- In verse 2 we find a key word “**ACCESS!**” – The Jew was kept from God’s presence by the veil in the temple; and the Gentile was kept out by a wall in the temple with a warning on it that any Gentile who went beyond would be killed. But when Jesus died, He tore the veil (Lk. 23:45) and broke down the wall of separation! (Ephesians 2:14-18 - *For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, **and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two,** thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. **For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.**)*

(v3-5) As Christians we engage in spiritual warfare against the **DEVIL** (Eph. 6:10-20); the **FLESH** (Gal. 5:16-26); and the **WORLD** (John 16:33- *These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; **but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.**”)*

- Our *tribulations* produce *perseverance* (never give up); *character* (what are we made of); and *hope* (a glorious future), because *the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit*.

(v6-8) Christ died for the **ungodly and the sinner!**

(v9-11) We have been *justified by His blood; saved by His life; reconciled to God*, and we can **rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ**.

- **Reconciliation** is the process by which God and man are brought together again. The Bible teaches that God and man are alienated from one another because of God's holiness and man's sinfulness. Although God loves the sinner (Romans 5:8), it is impossible for Him not to judge sin (Heb 10:27). Therefore, in biblical reconciliation, both parties are affected. Through the sacrifice of Christ, man's sin is atoned and God's wrath is appeased. Thus, a relationship of hostility and alienation is changed into one of **peace and fellowship**. (From Nelson's Illustrated Bible Dictionary)

> **ARTICLE #2 – JESUS CHRIST IS OUR PEACE! (v12-17)**

(v12-14) Everyone has inherited sin and *death* from Adam, except the Son of God, Jesus Christ.

- **Death is threefold in Scripture:**

(1) There is the death of the **BODY**.

(2) We are **SPIRITUALLY** dead in *trespasses and sins* (Eph. 2:1).

(3) There is **ETERNAL DEATH**, an eternal separation from God (Rev 21:8 - *But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.*”

(v15-17) Rejoice in the three gifts God has given us:

(1) The gift of **GRACE** that abounds to many!

(2) The gift of **JUSTIFICATION!**

(3) The gift of **RIGHTEOUSNESS** that reigns in life!

(Insight verse 16 – “*free gift*” (Greek – charisma) - a (divine) gratuity, i.e., deliverance (from danger or passion); (specifically) a (spiritual) endowment, i.e. (subjectively) religious qualification, or (objectively) miraculous faculty.)

> An example of Jesus Christ as the “**PRINCE OF PEACE**” and His free gift is found in **Luke 7:36-50**.

> **ARTICLE #3 – THIS IS AN ETERNAL PEACE TREATY!**
(v18-21)

(v18-21) Let us compare the SIN of Adam with the SACRIFICE of Christ:

> Results of Adam’s SIN:

- A Garden of Eden (delight) – (Removed from the garden – world of destruction and death!)
- The blessing of God’s provisions (Now work and sweat!)
- Brought divorce and the destruction of the family.
- Established the “tree with the knowledge of good and evil.”
- Brought death, disease, disasters, and devastations!
- Was the gift of separation from God and eternal judgment!

> Results of Christ’s sacrifice for our SALVATION:

- Endured the wilderness of sin (In complete obedience – Christ never sinned!)
- Received earth’s curse upon Himself (Crown of thorns!)
- A bride purchased by His blood! (The church!)
- Crucified on the “tree of life!” (The cross!)
- Brought life, healing, peace, and a glorious kingdom!
- Gave us God’s love, the Holy Spirit and eternal life!

> Never forget: “*grace reigns through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*”

Amazing Grace Lyrics

by Englishman John Newton

**"Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me....
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind, but now, I see.**

**T'was Grace that taught...
my heart to fear.
And Grace, my fears relieved.
How precious did that Grace appear...
the hour I first believed.**



**Through many dangers, toils and snares...
we have already come.
T'was Grace that brought us safe thus far...
and Grace will lead us home.**



**The Lord has promised good to me...
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be...
as long as life endures.**



**When we've been here ten thousand years...
bright shining as the sun.
We've no less days to sing God's praise...
then when we've first begun.**



**"Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me....
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind, but now, I see.**