



Message Series Guide

Cleansed

Week 2 – Peace in the Blood

Colossians 1:19-22



Peace is the absence of hostility and the presence of tranquility. Peace is what was lost in the garden of Eden because of sin. And peace is what is established once again in Christ Jesus through His blood. Why does the blood of Christ make peace? Because without it there is no forgiveness of sin. Without the forgiveness of sin, hostility remains between us and God. The difference between the world and the Church is not that one wants peace and the other does not. We all desire peace. The difference is that the church wants the One who has brought peace through His blood. The world looks for peace elsewhere. The difference is the blood of Jesus, which cleanses us from sin and establishes our peace with God.

READ:

Zechariah 9:9; John 14:7; Colossians 1:19-22; Romans 6:23; Romans 8:1, 7, 33-34;

- What is the significance of Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey? Is this how conquering kings and generals would typically ride into a city? Why or why not? What was the expectation that the crowd had of Jesus as he rode into Jerusalem? What kind of peace did Jesus bring?
- How did Jesus bring peace by His blood? Why were we once alienated and hostile toward God? How did Jesus' death and resurrection reconcile us to God?
- As a follower of Christ, what is your true identity in Jesus? How does the fact that Jesus died in our place reveal our value and worth? Describe the difference between conviction and condemnation?
- What does it mean that we are not always safe in this world, but we will always be secure in the hands of God? How does this truth bring us peace even in the midst of trouble?

DISCUSS:

- How has the COVID-19 crisis produced worry or fear in your life? What are some ways you've found peace and solace during this crisis? How does Satan use fear in our life?
- If you've ever had a serious disagreement with someone, how did you make peace with them later? Why were we separate from God by sin? How were we reconciled to God?
- Have you ever felt alienated from God's love? How does Satan use our sin against us to make us feel like we are unworthy of God's love or forgiveness? How can we combat the lies of Satan?
- According to Colossians 1:22 how are we viewed by God, through Jesus? How does that bring peace?
- What is the hope of the gospel? Is the gospel based on our good works? Why or why not? How are we presented to God as holy and blameless?

PRAY:

Thank God that through Christ's blood you have been reconciled to a right relationship with Him. Pray for the peace that passes the understanding of man in all circumstances.

RESPOND:

Spend some time this week searching the Scriptures to discover your true identity in Christ. Here's some help – Ephesians 1:3-8 // John 15:15 // 1 Corinthians 12:27 // Philippians 3:20 // Ephesians 2:10 // Romans 8:1