

## Introduction: Biblical Foundations for Peacemaking

### I. Introduction

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Why is it important to study peacemaking?

#### Peacemaking Series Outline

2/11	1. Introduction: Biblical Foundations for Peacemaking
2/18	2. Receiving Conflict as an Opportunity to Glorify God
2/25	3. Self-Examination in Conflict
3/10	4. Addressing Others' Sin in Conflict
3/17	5. Forgiveness, Reconciliation, and Restoration
3/24	6. Panel Discussion

### II. Beholding the God of Peace

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- Jesus is the Prince of Peace and Conquering King (Isaiah 9:6 / Psalm 2)
- The God of Peace will crush Satan (Rom 16:20)
- The God of Peace is with the saints (Rom 15:33)
- God's kingdom is marked by peace (Rom 14:17)
- Peace not confusion (1 Cor 14:33)
- Peace for hearts and minds (Phil 4:7)
- The God of Peace sanctifies (1 Thess 5:23)
- The God of Peace equips you and works in you (Heb 13:20-21)

### III. Peace in the Bible's Storyline

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- Peace in Creation (Gen 1-2)
  
- Peace is Broken (Gen 3)
  - Rom 3:9-18
  - Eph 2:1-3
  
- Peacemaking in the OT
  - Moses and the Elders
  - Peace and the sacrificial system (burnt offerings, sin offerings, guilt offerings, peace offerings)
    - Aaronic blessing pronouncing peace (Num 6:22-23)
  - City gates
  - Judgments of kings
  
- Christ's peacemaking work at the cross
  - Is 53
  - Rom 5:1, 9-11
  
- Eternal Peace in the New Creation (Rev 21-22)

### IV. Defining Peace

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"This peace is more than the absence of war and strife. It is the positive presence of harmony, salvation, joy, blessing, and reconciliation—the state of perfect well-being created by God's eschatological intervention and enjoyed by the righteous."<sup>1</sup>

The peace of the coming New Creation is something that we begin to enjoy now, through the finished work of Christ, and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

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<sup>1</sup> Robert Jones, *Pursuing Peace: A Christian Guide to Handling Our Conflicts* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2012), 21.

## V. Categories of Peace

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1. Saving Peace (Col 1:19-20)
2. Inner Peace (Rom 15:13)
3. Relational Peace (Gal 5:22-23)
4. Situational Peace (Gen 1-2; Rev 21-22)

## VI. Imperatives for Peace

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- Rom 14:19
- 2 Cor 13:11
- Eph 4:3
- Eph 5:13
- 1 Thess 5:13
- 2 Tim 2:22
- Heb 12:14
- James 3:18
- 1 Pet 3:11

## VII. Conclusion

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### **James 3:17-18**

“But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.”