

PEACE WITH GOD – Part 1

Welcome back and here we go!

Tonight we will start a four part series on PEACE WITH GOD.



- a) Peace with Others
- b) Peace in Trials
- c) Peace through Obedience
- d) Peace with God

1. _____ like a _____ - **Romans 12:9-21**

⁹ Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; ¹¹ not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; ¹² rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; ¹³ distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion. ¹⁷ Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. ¹⁹ Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord. ²⁰ Therefore “If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head.” ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

2. If you don't find _____ with others, you will not have peace with _____.

Many times, we say we have forgiven or we have *let it go*.

What does that look like?

“Forgiven” – *stop feeling angry or resentful toward someone for an offense, flaw or mistake.*

3. If you have given up a _____, you stop _____ about it!

My #1 *Tell-Tell sign* --- is when someone often brings up a person or an offense.

Psychologists define “forgiveness” as:

a conscious deliberate decision to release feelings or resentment or vengeance toward those who have harmed you, regardless whether they actually deserve it!

Romans 12:18 *If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live PEACEABLY with all men.*

If you spend time with me, you have heard this scripture.

4. Resolve to have _____ in your _____.

It is not the outward expression as much as it is the inward release of liability and need for restoration.

You cannot have **PEACE WITH GOD** without **PEACE WITH OTHERS**.



If you harbor negative feelings, you will never have PEACE.

5. Peace is a _____.

Hebrews 12:12-15 ¹² *Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees,* ¹³ *and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed.* ¹⁴ *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;*

Deuteronomy 29:18 *so that there may not be among you man or woman or family or tribe, whose heart turns away today from the Lord our God, to go and serve the gods of these nations, and that there may not be among you a root bearing bitterness or wormwood;*

6. Destroy _____ of bitterness!



Let's talk plants!

7. Don't have a _____ - _____ heart!

Philippians 4:8-9 ⁸ *Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.* ⁹ *The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of PEACE will be with you.*

Think on these things. The God of PEACE will be with you.



- a) Identify resentments or anger.
- b) Decide to forgive.
- c) Pay attention to your thoughts and words.
- d) Correct yourself.
- e) Pray for peace for those who have harmed you.
- f) It's a choice!



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