

# God's Peace Formula

Romans 16:17-20

## Introduction:

- A. The author of real peace is God – “The God of peace...”
- B. The nature of God's peace.
  - 1. Not as the world gives (John 14:27).
  - 2. Not political nor civil.
  - 3. But, with God, self and the godly.
- C. We plan to notice the ingredients in God's peace formula.

## Discussion:

### **I. The Right Relationship with God.**

- A. Sinners are at enmity with God (cf. Col. 1:21)
  - 1. God offers peace through Christ (Col. 1:19-23)
  - 2. We are reconciled when baptized (Col. 2:11-13)
- B. Saints are at peace with God in one body (Eph. 2:16).

### **II. The Right Relationship with Man.**

- A. Peace with God depends on righteous efforts to have peace with man (Matt. 5:22-26; Rom. 12:18)
- B. Peace with man must not be at any price (cf. Jas. 3:17)
  - 1. Must separate right from wrong (Lk. 12:51).
  - 2. Must not compromise with sin to have peace (Gal. 2:4,5)

### **III. The Right Kind of Thinking.**

- A. The proper frame of mind (Phil. 4:4-13)
- B. The obedient frame of mind (Phil. 4:9)
  - 1. When faced with first principles
  - 2. When faced with day to day decisions in life.
  - 3. When faced with making a living (Matt. 6:25-33).

### **IV. The Right Kind of Living.**

- A. Live after apostolic teaching and example (Phil. 4:9).
  - 1. Be busy (“do”)
  - 2. Be busy in right things.
- B. Live “wise to good, and simple to evil” (Rom. 16:19-20).

## Conclusion:

- A. Are you at peace?
- B. With God? Self? Good men?