

Our Peace in Christ Jesus

Eph. 2:13-14

Introduction:

- A. Christians can have peace while living in a world of conflict.
 - 1. Not superficial peace sought and offered by the world (John 14:27)
 - 2. Not peace with all people of the world (Matt. 10:34-36).
 - 3. But, peace with God resulting in peace of mind and peace with God's people.
- B. Christians have peace only in and through Jesus, our peace (v. 14).
- C. Three factors of peace in Christ Jesus discussed in Eph. 2:

Discussion:

II. The Blood of Christ (v. 13)

- A. Peace between God and mankind effected by the blood of Christ.
 - 1. By removing the cause of separation — sin (Isa. 59:1,2; Matt. 26:28).
 - 2. By continuing to cleanse from sin (1 John 1:7-9).
- B. Peace between Jew and Gentile effected by the cross of Christ (v. 16).
 - 1. By removing the cause of separation — the law (vv. 14,15)
 - 2. By preaching the message of the cross to both (v. 17).

III. The Body of Christ (v. 16).

- A. The one body is church (Eph. 1:22, 23).
 - 1. Also the house(hold) of God (v. 19; 1 Tim. 3:15).
 - 2. Also the temple of God (v. 21; 1 Cor. 6:16)
- B. The one body is made of all reconciled and saved people (v. 16; Acts 2:47).
 - 1. Cannot be reconciled to God in different bodies.
 - 2. Cannot have reconciliation and denominationalism.

IV. The Book of Christ.

- A. The New Testament was written by apostles and prophets (cf. 3:3-5).
 - 1. This revelation is at the foundation of the church (2:19-22).
 - 2. This revelation produces peace — holy temple together in Christ (2:21-22).
- B. The New Testament must be followed to have real peace.
 - 1. Without it no peace with God. (2 John 9).
 - 2. Without it no peace with faithful brethren (Gal. 2:5).
 - 3. Without it every man becomes a law to himself — division.

Conclusion:

- A. Do you want to have peace with God?
 - 1. Apply the blood of Christ.
 - 2. Enter the body of Christ.
 - 3. Study the book of Christ.
- B. In Christ you can have peace that “surpasses all understanding.” (Cf. Phil. 4:7).

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Peace midst conflict ☺ Not superficial (Jn 14:27)
☺ Not with all people (Mt 10:34-36) ☺ But of God
☺ **Only in Jesus, our peace** (v. 14) ☺ **3 factors**

The Blood of Christ (v. 13).

God & Mankind ☺ Separation (Is 59:1,2; Mt 26:28) ☺ Continuing cleanse (1 Jn 1:7-9) ☺ **Jew & Gentile** (v. 16) ☺ Remove law (v. 14,15) ☺ Preach cross to both (v. 17).

The Body of Christ (v. 16).

Body Church (Eph 1:22, 23) ☺ Household (v. 19; 1 Tm 3:15) ☺ Temple (v. 21; 1 Cor 6:16) ☺ **Body of all reconciled** (v. 16; Ax 2:47) ☺ Not different bodies ☺ Not denominationalism.

The Book of Christ

NT-A&P (cf. 3:3-5) ☺ Foundation (2:19-22) ☺ Peace “together” (2:21-22) ☺ **NT for real peace** ☺ With God (2 Jn 9) ☺ With brethren (Gal. 2:6) ☺ law to selves.

Want peace w/ God? ☺ Study book ☺ Apply blood ☺ Enter body ☺ “Peace surpasses...(Ph 4:7)