

The Pursuit of Peace

Introduction

John 16:33

1 John 5:4-5

Shalom

Jehovah Shalom

Why is true peace so hard to find? Because of the fallen nature of our world.

Enemies of God

Romans 5:10

Isaiah 27:5

Isaiah 40:1-2

“the God of peace.” Philippians 4:7

God is the Sole Source of our Salvation

Isaiah 43:11

Isaiah 45:22-23

1 Corinthians 14:33

Peace in all relationships can only come through *forgiveness and reconciliation*.

Isaiah 26:1-4

Peace comes to mankind in a Person – *Jesus Christ*.

Romans 5:1

Isaiah 32:17

True peace is a matter of righteousness and faith; belief and trust.

True peace is a matter of mental determination; willful pursuit with endurance and perseverance.

Matthew 5:9

Romans 14:17-19

“let us pursue” Gk *diokomen*

Romans 12:18

Peacemaking requires two things at all times: *Internal Desire* and *Intentional Action*.

“seek peace and pursue it.” Psalm 34:14

‘seek peace’

‘And pursue it.’

“Strive for peace” Hebrews 12:14a

“Strive” Gk *diokete*

Fight hard against the flesh. Vigorously pursue peace and holiness.

“God has called you to peace.” 1 Corinthians 7:15c

Mind Over Matters

Philippians 4:7

Isaiah 26:4

Two ‘legs’ needed to walk to the cross to find forgiveness and reconciliation: *Humility & Love*

Ephesians 4:1-3

Colossians 3:12-15

James 3:17-18

1 Peter 3:8-11

Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:11,14