

I. BASIS OF PEACE WITH MAN: CHRIST (Eph.2:14)

A. PEACE WITH *GOD* THROUGH JESUS CHRIST (Eph.2:11-13; see Rom.5:1; 2Cor.5:20,21)

B. PEACE WITH *MEN* THROUGH JESUS CHRIST (Eph.2:14-16)

1. the wall that divides: the hostility of the Law (Eph.2:14,15; Col.2:13,14)
 - a. moral: transgressions & mutual hostility (Ex.20:12-17; Mt.5:24; Tt.3:3; Gal.5:19f)
 - b. ceremonial: ethic peculiarity & mutual hostility (see Deut.14:1-21; Est.9:1,5,16; Acts 16:20)
 - c. principle: sin makes men enemies of God and to each other (Tt.3:3; Jms.3:18-4:4; see Rom.1:28-32; 2Tim.3:1-5)
2. demolition of the wall: the cross of Christ (Col.2:14; Eph.2:16; see Gal.3:23f,28)
 - a. moral law
 - i. debt of sin paid: alienation removed (2Cor.5:21; Col.2:13,14; Eph.2:13f,19a /Rom.6:23)
 - ii. dues of righteousness paid; reconciliation replaced (2C5:21; Eph2:13b,16,18,19b; Heb.12:14)
 - b. ceremonial law: fulfilled & obsolete (Heb.7:18,19; 8:13; see Mk.7:19; Acts 10:15; 11:9; 1Cor.9:20,21)

II. NATURE OF PEACE WITH MAN: CHURCH (Eph.2:14f,19f; 4:11-16; 1Cor.12:12-31)

III. RESPONSIBILITY OF PEACE WITH MAN: PRESERVATION

(Eph.4:3; 2:1,5,10; 1Jn.4:10,19; Phil.2:12,13)

A. COMMANDED (Ps.34:14b; Mt.5:9; Mk.9:50; Rom.14:19; 2Cor.13:11; 1Thes.5:13; Heb.12:14)

B. NECESSARY RESULT OF BEING IN CHRIST (Eph.4:1-3; 2:4f,11f,16; see 1Jn.1:6,7)

C. PEACE WITH ALL MEN (Rom.12:18-21(Ps.35:20f; 68:30); Mt.5:9,38f; 1Pt.3:11,8f; 2:13f; 18f; 3:1f; 7f/ 2Cor.5:21)

D. THE GOD-GIVEN MEANS (Eph.4:1-3; Col.3:12-17; see Phil.2:1-11)

1. attitude (heart, mind): humility, gentleness, patience, compassion, kindness (Col.3:12; 1Pt3:1,8f)
2. action (members): forbearance, forgiveness, word dwell-peace rule (Col.3:13; 15,16 (note: Psalms))
3. axiom (principle): love the perfect bond (Col.3:14/ Eph.4:2,15,16; 1Cor.13:4-7/ Phil.2:1f; 2Cor.5:21)

IV. *SEEK PEACE WITH MAN!* (Eph.4:3; Ps.34:14=1Pt.3:11)

A. SEEK PEACE WITH GOD IN CHRIST SO THAT YOU CAN SEEK PEACE WITH MEN
(Eph.2:14f; 4:32; see 1Jn.4:10,19)

B. PEACE WITH MEN AND THE VISIBLE CHURCH (Eph.2:16,19f; 4:3,13f; see Mt.5:24; 1Cor.11:17f)

C. PRESERVE THE PEACE GIVEN IN CHRIST BY THE MEANS ALSO PROVIDED
(see III, D above; see Eph.4:1-3; Col.3:12-17; see Phil.2:1-11)

D. SEEK PEACE WITH ALL MEN (Ps.34:14; Rom.12:18(Ps.35:20f; 68:30); Mt.5:9,38f; 1C.9:19f; 2Cor.5:20,21)

Brethren, what shall WE DO? (see Acts 2:37f)