

SPIRITUAL WAR AND PEACE

Paul opened chapter four with a prophetic warning of periods of apostasy during the Church Age (Eph.4:1).

The Church Age is a period of messianic history where the Angelic Conflict is intensified.

Today's lesson, Spiritual War and Peace, will study four aspects of how to distinguish between worldly and Spiritual war and peace in the Church Age.

1. Satan and the fallen angels (demons) understand the Church age (C/A) is the last period of divine peace upon the earth before the great world wars of Armageddon (Har-Mageddon), Gog and Magog. (Rev.16:16; chs.19-20)

During the First Advent of Christ, Satan and the fallen angels certainly understood their divine judgment was attached to the Second Coming of Jesus (Lk.8:26-39) [legion / 6000] (Lk.8:25:41; Rev.20:10).

(Lk.8:31-32) "They (this legion of demons) were imploring Him not to command them to go away into the abyss (Rev.20:1-3; 2 Pet.2:4). Now there was a herd of many swine feeding there on the mountain; and the demons implored Him to permit them to enter the swine. And He gave them permission."
(Mark 5:13) [2000 pigs] [6000 demons / 2000 pigs = 3 demons per pig]

While the Church Age (C/A) is a time of 'spiritual' peace and war upon earth, it is also a time of 'worldly' peace and wars and rumors of wars (Matt.24:1-8).

2. God sent Gabriel with a special message from heaven for the earth at the birth of His Son, Jesus Christ and Gabriel brought it to the Bethlehem temple shepherds (Luke 2:8-14).

God sent the heavenly choir to sing a new song along with the message, **Gloria in Excelsis Deo**.

(Lk.2:14) "Glory to God **in the highest**, and **on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased.**"

The peace of God on earth is only "among men with whom He (God) is well-pleased (eudokia)." You cannot find this peace during the Church Age (C/A) apart from His Son, Jesus Christ (Lk.10:21-22).

(Luke 19:38) **Triumphal Entry:** "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord; **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**" (Lk.19:28-44/ Ps.118:26; Lk.13:34-35)

The words "The King" are not found in the Hebrew or Septuagint of Ps.118:26 nor in Matthew 21:19 or in Mark 11:9-10. But it was understood to refer to the Messianic King of the house of David.

Remember that Ps.113-118 was sung at Passover meal (Matt.26:30/ Ps.115-118).

The fulfillment of Ps.118:26 can only occur as result of the death of Christ on the cross and His resurrection from the dead on the third day (1 Cor.5:7) [The Passover Lamb] (Isa.53:7; John 1:29; 1 Pet.1:19).

3. **During the Church Age (C/A), peace with God comes only to those who believe that Jesus Christ died for their sins, that He was buried and that He rose from the dead on the third day (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:5-10).**

(Eph.2:13-17) “But now in **Christ Jesus** you who were formerly far off have been brought near by the **blood of Christ**. For **He Himself is our peace**, who made both groups into one and **broke down the barrier** of the dividing wall, by abolishing **in His flesh the enmity**, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, **thus establishing peace**, and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death **the enmity**. And He came and preached **peace** to you who were far away, **and peace** to those who were near.”

(Rom.5:1-3a) “Therefore, **having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ**, through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we **exult** in hope of the glory of God. And not only this, **but we also exult in our tribulations.**” [Positional Truth](#)

(John 14:26-27) “But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you. **Peace** I leave with you; **My peace** I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, nor let it be fearful.” [Positional Truth](#)

(Gal.5:22-23) “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, **peace**, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.” [Experiential Truth](#)

(John 16:33) “These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me **you may have peace**. **In the world you have tribulation**, but take courage; I have overcome the world.”

(Isa.26:3) “The **steadfast in mind** You will keep in **perfect peace**, because he trusts in you.” [Experiential Truth](#)

(Phil.4:6-7) “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the **peace of God**, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.” [Experiential Truth](#)

HOME STUDY:

During the Church Age (C/A), Satan is called the prince of this world and of the power of the air (Eph.2:1-3).

(John 12:31) “Now judgment is upon this world, now the prince (archon/ ruler) of this world will be cast out.” (John 14:30; 16:11).

But in the Second Coming, Prince of Peace is one of four titles for Jesus Christ.

(Isa.9:6)

- Wonderful Counselor
- Mighty God
- Eternal Father
- **Prince of Peace.**