

## LIVE IN PEACE WITH ONEANOTHER

Paul closes the Book of 1 Thessalonians with 18 imperatives (commands) in (1 Thess.5:13b-28). The first seven of these 18 imperatives are found in our lesson text (1 Thess.5:13b-15).

- They will give us a list of **seven characteristics** of a spiritually healthy church.
- They will also show the **ways they can resolve conflict within a church**.

(1 Thess.5:13a) **Live in Peace** with one another (congregational problems)

(1 Thess.5:14) **Admonish** the unruly

- **Encourage** the faint hearted
- **Help** the weak
- **Be patient** with all men

(1 Thess.5:15) **See** that no one pays evil with evil  
**Seek** after that which is good for one another.

**Over the next several weeks, we will study these seven characteristics of a spiritually healthy church.**

**Today we will study six aspects of the first in Paul's list, "Live in Peace With One Another.**

1. **In April of 2021, when the covid-19 had broken out upon America, I taught a series of lessons entitled "Don't Let Your Hearts Be Troubled; believe in God, believe in Me." taken from (John14:1) The Upper Room Discourse.**

The message Jesus taught His disciples was **LIVE IN (inner) PEACE.**

(John 14:27) "Peace I leave with you ; My Peace I give to you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. 'Let not your hearts be troubled, nor let your hearts be fearful.'"

But how does the believer find this sustaining INNER PEACE when the Trouble last so long? This lesson will hopefully explain how to find that inner PEACE amidst a long and struggling ordeal.

2. **God is the source of 100% spiritual PEACE for every believer.**

(Heb.13:20) "**Now the God of Peace, Who** brought up from the dead the Great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord."

(Rom.5:10) "Therefore having been justified by faith, we have PEACE with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Which is **1 of 9** factors of communion with God through the blood of Christ.

(1 Thess.5:23) "**Now may the God of Peace Himself** sanctify you entirely; and may your **spirit and soul and body** be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

(Acts 10:36) "The word which He sent to the sons of Israel, preaching <sup>[a]</sup>peace through Jesus Christ (He is Lord of all)"

**There is NO peace with God apart from faith in the Gospel of Jesus Christ** (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9).

(Eph.6:15) “And having **shod your feet** with the preparation of the **gospel of peace.**” The armor of God and standing firm. (Eph.6:11,14)

The gospel of Jesus Christ is referred to as the Gospel of Peace because it is the instrument of God’s reconciliation and removal of the sin barrier of Adam’s original sin. (**Col.1:20-22**; Gal.2:14-16).

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### 3. **The spiritually advancing believer operates under the doctrinal principle of the Peace of God.**

Operating by **walking** by means of the Indwelling Holy Spirit (**WIHS**) and by **walking** by Faith Cycle (**WFC**).

- **WIHS** – (Gal.5:16-17, 22-23; Rom.8:6-7; 14:17; 15:13).
  - (Rom.8:6) “For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the **mind set on the Spirit is life and peace.**”
- **WFC** – (2 Cor.5:7; Phil.4:6-7; James 3:17-18).
  - (Col.3:15) “**Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts**, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful.”

### 4. **Living in harmonious peace in the church is a sign of spiritual maturity (Eph.4:1-3; Col.3:12-14; 1 Cor.12:12-27/ 15-17, 21).**

(Rom.12:19) “If possible, **so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.**”

(2 Thess.3:16) “Now may the **Lord of Peace Himself** continually grant you **peace in every circumstance.** The Lord be with you all.”

### 5. **Satan tries to counterfeit Peace of God with cosmos diabolicus (worldly lies) peace.**

(John 16:33) “These things I have spoken to you, that **in Me you may have peace. In the world, you have tribulation** but take courage; I have overcome the world.” The Last Supper: (John 14:27; 1 John 4:4).

(Matt.16:21-23) “**From that time Jesus began to show** His disciples **that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things** from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and **be killed**, and be **raised up on the third day** (1 Cor.15:3-4). **Peter** took Him aside and **began to rebuke Him**, saying, ‘God forbid it, Lord! This shall never happen to You. But He turned and said to Peter, ‘**Get behind Me, satan! You are a stumbling block to Me**; for you are **not setting your mind on God’s interests, but on man’s (Old Man Cosmos Diabolicus).**” (Eph.4:20-24)