

NEXT WEEKEND:

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Oct. 11-13

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WEEK 4 • GROWING IN PEACE

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But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, **peace**, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Galatians 5:22-23a

THREE KINDS OF PEACE GOD WANTS ME TO KNOW

- Peace _____
Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have **peace with God** through our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 5:1
- Peace _____
And the **peace of God**, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:9
- Peace _____
If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at **peace with everyone**. Rom 12:18
Be at **peace with everyone**... 2 Peter 3:14
Live in **peace with each other**. Mark 9:50

FIVE KEYS TO PEACE WITH OTHERS

Jealousy and selfishness are not God's kind of wisdom. Such things are earthly, unspiritual, and demonic. For wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there you will find disorder and evil of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and the fruit of good deeds. It shows no favoritism and is always sincere. And those who are **peacemakers** will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of righteousness. James 3:15-18 NLT

1. "... peace loving..."

Peacemakers _____

Avoiding a fight is a mark of honor; only fools insist on quarreling. Proverbs 20:3 NLT

A person's wisdom makes him slow to anger, and it is his glory to overlook an offense. Proverbs 19:11 NET

A wise man controls his temper. He knows that anger causes mistakes. Proverbs 14:29 LB

2. "...gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others."

gentle: "courteous" (LB), "considerate" (NIV)
willing to yield: "open to reason" (ESV) "allows discussion" (LB)

Peacemakers _____

Let everyone see that you are unselfish and considerate in all you do. Philippians 4:7 LB

Intelligent people are always ready to learn. Their ears are open for knowledge. Proverbs 18:15 NLT

We must bear the burden of being considerate of the doubts and fears of others—of those who feel these things are wrong... and thus build them up in the Lord. Romans 15:2 LB

3. "... full of mercy and the fruit of good deeds ..."

Peacemakers _____

Love forgets mistakes; nagging about them parts the best of friends. Proverbs 17:9 LB

4. "It shows no favoritism and is always sincere."

Peacemakers _____

If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right. But if you show favoritism, you sin... James 2:8,9a NIV

For God does not show favoritism. Romans 2:11

5. "...will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest..."

Peacemakers _____

A troublemaker plants seeds of strife... Proverbs 16:28 NLT

After a while we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't get discouraged and give up. Galatians 6:9 LB

Remember: "...the fruit of the **Spirit is ...peace...**"

Pray: "Holy Spirit, produce _____ in me and through me."

RESOURCES USED IN DEVELOPMENT OF THIS MESSAGE

- Jim Cymbala, "The Gift of Peace", sermon, Brooklyn Tabernacle, March 5, 2017
- Rick Warren, "You Make Me Crazy, part 1", sermon, Saddleback Church June 2, 2012