

Romans Series

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Principles for Peaceful Living

Romans 12:18

OUR WORKS
FILTHY RAGS



CHRIST'S
PERFECT
RIGHTEOUSNESS
& THE CROSS



ROMANS

GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS & GRACE

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εἰρηνεύω *eirēneuō*

pres act part masc plur
nom

“to have peace”

Spiritual Adults (*uijoi*; *huioi*, adult sons, Rom. 8:14)

PLG,
Rom. 5:5

ILM,
Gal. 5:14

O/C,
Heb. 2:2

+H,
James 1:2

Spiritual Adolescence (*neanivskoi*, *neaniskoi*, 1 John 2:13)

Personal Sense of Your Eternal Destiny

Rom. 8:16–17

Spiritual Childhood (*tevknon*, *teknon*)

Confess,
1 John 1:9

FHS, WHS,
Eph. 5:18

FRD,
2 Pet. 1:3, 4

G/O,
2 Pet. 3:18

D/O,
2 Pet. 3:18

ETERNAL REALITIES

TEMPORAL REALITIES



IN CHRIST

Baptism by the Holy Spirit

INDWELT

FILLED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

“Walking by the Holy Spirit”

1 Jn. 1:9

SIN NATURE

CARNALITY
Sin Nature Control

FRD,
2 Pet. 1:3, 4

G/O,
2 Pet. 3:18

FHS, WHS,
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**WALKING IN THE
LIGHT**

D/O,
2 Pet. 3:18

V

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διώκω (*dioko*),

Present active imperative 2PL: make it a habit

“to move rapidly and decisively toward an objective—hasten, run, press forward”

“pursue, strive for, seek after, aspire to something”

Heb. 12:14a, “Pursue peace with all people, and holiness,”

1 Thess. 5:15, “See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always seek after that which is good for one another and for all *people*.”

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εἰρήνη *eirēnē* 85×

gen fem sing

peace, tranquility, calm, the opposite of chaos, disorder, violence, harmony with God

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**absence of strife,
indicates safety and security,
also used to convey a blessing**

How to Live Peaceably with All

1. God is identified as the “God of peace” numerous times in Scripture. God alone is the source of real peace.

Judg. 6:24, “So Gideon built an altar there to the LORD, and called it The–LORD–/s–Peace [יְהוָה שָׁלוֹם *YHWH shalom*]. To this day it *is* still in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.”

Rom. 15:33, “Now the God of peace *be* with you all. Amen.”

2 Cor. 13:11, “Finally, brethren, farewell. Become complete. Be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.”

Phil. 4:9, “The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.”

Heb. 13:20, “Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,”

1 Thess. 5:23, “Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely;”

2. The God of peace is the one who blesses those who follow Him with peace.

Psa. 29:11, “The LORD will give strength to His people; The LORD will bless His people with peace.”

Lev. 26:6, “I will give peace in the land, and you shall lie down, and none will make you afraid; I will rid the land of evil beasts, and the sword will not go through your land.”

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Psa. 119:165, “Great peace have those who love Your law, and nothing causes them to stumble.”

Prov. 16:7, “When a man’s ways please the LORD, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.”

Gal. 6:16, “And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them...”

3. God commands His people to seek and pursue peace with all.

Psa. 34:14, “Depart from evil and do good; Seek peace and pursue it.”

Rom. 14:19, “Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another.”

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1 Cor. 7:15, “... But God has called us to peace.”

2 Cor. 13:11, “...Be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.”

Col. 3:15, “And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.”

1 Thess. 5:13, “... Be at peace among yourselves.”

4. God describes His New Covenant as a covenant of peace.

Isa. 54:10, “ ‘For the mountains shall depart and the hills be removed, but My kindness shall not depart from you, nor shall My covenant of peace be removed,’ says the LORD, who has mercy on you.”

4. God describes His New Covenant as a covenant of peace.

Ezek. 34:25, “I will make a covenant of peace with them, and cause wild beasts to cease from the land; and they will dwell safely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods.”

Ezek. 37:26, “Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them, and it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; I will establish them and multiply them, and I will set My sanctuary in their midst forevermore.”

5. Peace, *shalom* in the Hebrew and *eirene* in the Greek, are forms of greeting in Scripture.

Judg. 6:23, “Then the LORD said to him, ‘Peace be with you; do not fear, you shall not die.’ ”

1 Sam. 16:5, “And he said, ‘Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice.’ Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons, and invited them to the sacrifice.”

5. Peace, *shalom* in the Hebrew and *eirene* in the Greek, are forms of greeting in Scripture.

Luke 24:36, “Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, ‘Peace to you.’ ”

6. Peace with God is the foundational message of the gospel

Luke 2:14, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!”

εὐδοκία the nominative singular, state or condition of being kindly disposed

εὐδοκία the genitive singular

“Peace, good will to men” or “peace to men of good will.”

7. The only basis for understanding how to achieve this is to examine the dynamics of the most extreme conflict in history: the rebellion of man – the creature against God.

Rom. 5:1, “Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Rom. 5:2, “through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.”

7. The only basis for understanding how to achieve this is to examine the dynamics of the most extreme conflict in history: the rebellion of man – the creature against God.

Col. 1:19, “For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell,

Col. 1:20, “and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.”

7. The only basis for understanding how to achieve this is to examine the dynamics of the most extreme conflict in history: the rebellion of man – the creature against God.

Col. 1:21, “And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled

Col. 1:22, “in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight—”

8. Peace with God is accomplished only because the sin problem is dealt with. With some we will never have peace because the underlying sin is never addressed.

Col. 1:14, “in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.”

**Col. 2:13, “And you, being [although you were] dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, [because] having forgiven you all trespasses,
Col. 2:14, “[by] having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He [by] has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.”**

**9. This is the basis for peace with others
(Eph. 2:11–18).**

Psa. 133:1, “Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!”

Rom. 12:18, “If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.”

Matt. 22:39, “And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ”

Two Key Elements Are the Basis of Peace:

Grace: The unmerited, undeserved free gift of God which solves the sin problem.

Love: The source of God's gracious acts toward underserving humanity.

Rom. 5:8, “But God demonstrated his love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”

Love is primarily a volitional act and a mental attitude. We choose to love and we set our mind to it.

Matt. 5:44, “But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,”

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Luke 6:27, “But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,”

Luke 6:32, “But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them.”

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John 13:34, “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.”