

The Message Notes

Message: *Don't Hold Your Peace*

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Text: Romans 12:17-18



Objective: Our objective is to learn the three types of peace and to encourage believers to live at peace as much as possible with all men.

Romans 12:17-18 – ¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. ¹⁸If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.

1. _____ – If it is possible.
 - a. Have you had any possible peace moments?
 - b. Have circumstances put you in a position for peace?
 - c. What's the situation right now, where peace can happen?
2. _____ – As much as depends on you.
 - a. Do you have some fault in the situation?
 - b. Does God want you to be the initiator to resolve a conflict?
 - c. Do you lose anything by being the first to reach out?
3. _____ – Live peaceably with all men.
 - a. Despite what others do, you do what God has told YOU!
 - b. No matter how they treat you, you still do what's right.
 - c. Living in peace with others despite their actions towards you, can be a witnessing opportunity.

If we're going to live in peace with others, we must have a clear understanding of what it is.

- A. Peace With _____ – Romans 5:1 – ¹ Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.
- a. God doesn't want us to live apart from him.
 - b. We don't need to work for this peace.
 - c. This peace is ours because of what Jesus Christ did on the cross.
- B. Peace Within _____ – Colossians 3:15 - ¹⁵ And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body, you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful.
- a. When we have peace with God, we can have the peace of God.
 - b. This is the peace that doesn't make any sense.
 - c. Even during challenging times, peace can reign within us.
- C. Peace With _____ – Ephesians 4:2-3 - ² Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. ³ Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace.
- a. Always be humble.
 - b. Make allowances for other people's faults.
 - c. The further we are from God, the more messed up our relationships.

TAKEAWAY – When we are at peace with God, we then have the peace of God in us, that equips us to live at peace with all men.