

## Come let us Grow Together: Follow Peace

Come let us Grow Together is a weekly series that deals with the many topical categories that exist within the Word of God. The purpose of this series is to grow in wisdom, knowledge and understanding in things pertaining to God.

“And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.” (Col 3:14-17)

“Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;” (Heb 12:14-15)

Peace is a process whereby you let the peace of God rule in your hearts. This takes an understanding of the Word of God and how you are to conduct your behavior so that you can truly let the peace of God rule in your hearts. “A wise man feareth, and departeth from evil: but the fool rageth, and is confident.” (Pro 14:16) You must understand the Word of God and follow after it’s teachings so that you can fear God and depart from evil. “And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.” (Job 28:28)

In the time period that we live in we hear of peace talks and negotiations continuously in the news. Peace doesn’t just happen it is something you must work on. For Christians this involves having faith and trust in God. Working on disciplining yourself to applying the verses of scriptures that you need to help you to experience the peace of God in any given situation.

How do you respond in your various circumstances. Do you allow the peace of God to rule in your hearts? Are you thankful? Being thankful is a very important part of the process of having the peace of God in your life. Are you singing spiritual songs in your heart to the Lord? Are you controlling your anger? Are you showing mercy and forgiveness to those around you?

Pray and ask God to help you to let the peace of God rule in your hearts recognizing that for the peace of God to rule in your hearts that you will have to change the way you are thinking and responding to circumstances in your life or something other than the peace of God will be ruling in your heart!