

Come let us Grow Together: 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.

“Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.” (Mt 5:9)

As the children of God we should be striving for peace in our life, in our family’s life, with our neighbors, and all people. “If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.” (Rm 12:18)

Living a life of peace requires action and effort on your part. You will need to suffer wrongdoing, turn the other cheek, and speaking gentle if at all when wrath and anger from others are taking place.

“Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloke also. And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain. Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away. Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so? Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.” (Mt 5:38-48) “A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.” (Pro 15:1)

Living a life of peace requires wisdom, discretion, discipline, and understanding. “Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.” (James 1:19-20) “Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised is wisdom.” (Pro 13:10) “When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul; Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee: To deliver thee from the way of the evil man, from the man that speaketh froward things;” (Pro 2:10-12) “He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding: but he that is hasty of spirit exalteth folly.” (Pro 14:29)

Living a life of peace is required of the children of God. “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) “For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are

after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.” (Rm 8:5-9)