









Peaceful Practices

FITTED AND READY WITH THE GOSPEL OF PEACE



Two Paths Away from Peace

Abandoning the <u>Peace of Christ</u>

For the <u>Peace of the World</u>

Rejecting the <u>Peace of the World</u>

As well as the <u>Peace of Christ</u>

Ephesians 6:14

Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

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The Prince of Peace & His Kingdom Becoming the Prince's Peacemakers Depending on God to Do More Seeing to the Heart of the Matter Traveling through Conflict Putting on Humility and Yieldedness Risking it all to be Real Tuning Our Hearts to Be Instruments of Peace Waiting in Faith: God Reigns

Reflection and Assessment

Are the ways that I engage conflict and pursue peace accurate and true reflections of Jesus?

How can we faithfully live out the call to be peacemakers in daily life?

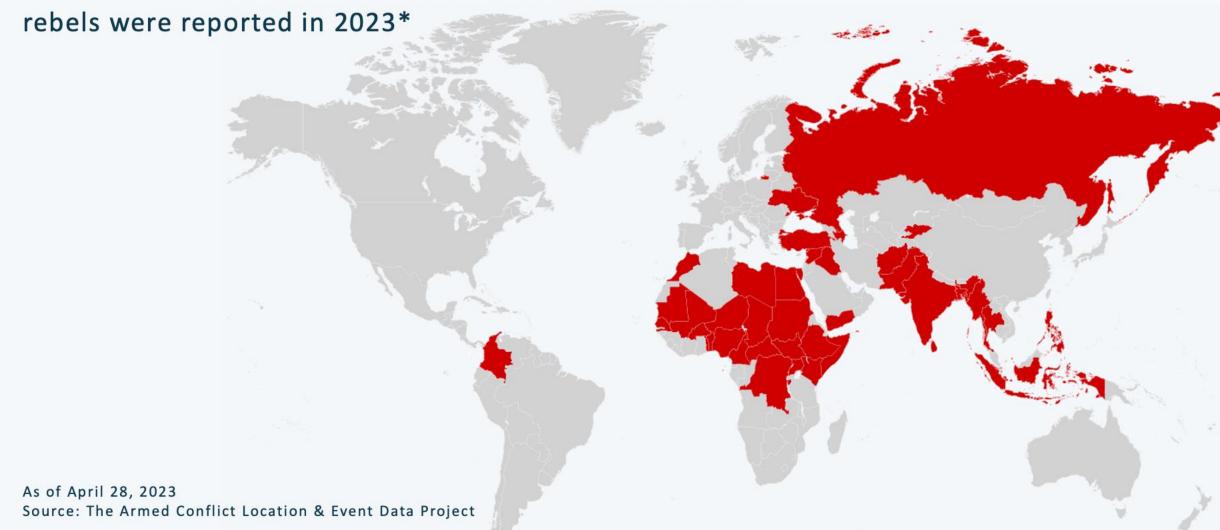
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The Prince of Peace and His Kingdom

The World at War in 2023

Countries in which armed clashes between state forces or



How Can We Know What is True?

John 18:37-38

³⁷... Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

38 "What is truth?" retorted Pilate.

Jesus is Truth and Peace

John 14:6
⁶ Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

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Isaiah 9:6
6 And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Ephesians 2:13-14
13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.
14 For he himself is our peace...

Defining Peace

Peace Freedom from disturbance; tranquility.

Pax The absence of conflict.

Eirené Derived from a root meaning "linkage." Refers to a state of order and coherence.

Shalom Complete or whole. Refers to something that is complex that is in a state of wholeness.

Biblical Peace εἰρήνησ שלום

The webbing together of God, humans, and all creation in justice, fulfillment, and delight...

universal flourishing, wholeness, and delight...

natural needs are satisfied and natural gifts fruitfully employed...

Shalom, in other words, is the way things ought to be.

John 14:27

²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

A Peace Dependent on Circumstance

Micah 3:5 ⁵ This is what the LORD says: "As for the prophets who lead my people astray, they proclaim 'peace' if they have something to eat, but prepare to wage war against anyone who refuses to feed them.

A Peace Built on Ethical Compromise

Ezra 9:12 (ESV)

'Therefore do not give your daughters to their sons, neither take their daughters for your sons, and never seek their peace or prosperity, that you may be strong and eat the good of the land and leave it for an inheritance to your children forever.'

A Peace that is Man-made and Superficial

Ezekiel 13:10-12
'Because they lead my people astray, saying,
"Peace," when there is no peace, and because,
when a flimsy wall is built, they cover it with
whitewash, 11 therefore tell those who cover it
with whitewash that it is going to fall.



The Peace of Christ

Galatians 4:4-5 (ESV)

⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

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Romans 5:8

⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

The Gospel of Peace

This is His GOOD NEWS to the POOR, the FREEDOM He offers to the PRISONER, the SIGHT He gives to the BLIND. (Luke 4:18)

Peace, Eirené, Shalom with God!



