





# Peaceful Practices

FITTED AND READY WITH  
THE GOSPEL OF PEACE



# Two Paths Away from Peace

Abandoning the Peace of Christ

For the Peace of the World

Rejecting the Peace of the World

As well as the Peace of Christ



# 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**.



# Peaceful Practices

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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# 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**

**<sup>6</sup> 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 ׀לש

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.**

# Jesus' Peace ≠ World's Peace

John 14:27

<sup>27</sup> Peace 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.

# Jesus' Peace ≠ World's Peace

## A Peace Dependent on Circumstance

**Micah 3:5**

**<sup>5</sup> 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.”**



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## 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.’

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## 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, <sup>11</sup> therefore tell those who cover it with whitewash that it is going to fall.**



# The Peace of Christ

## Galatians 4:4-5 (ESV)

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



# The Peace of Christ

**Romans 5:8**

**<sup>8</sup> 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!**



# **The Ministry of Reconciliation**

## **2 Corinthians 5:14-21**



