

***Counterculture – Living Peacefully in a World of Conflict***

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Whenever **CONFLICT** raises a challenge, the **PEACE** of Christ is the answer.

**Options to the Challenge of Conflict:**

1. **REVENGE** – I take up the sword.

**What is the result?** A never-ending cycle of violence. I stab you, but sooner or later someone else will stab me.

2. **GRUDGES** – I build walls of defense.

**What is the result?** As I isolate them, I end up isolating myself in bitterness and pain . . . so slowly I rarely notice.

3. **PEACEMAKING** – I build bridges.

**What is the result?** I have peace with God . . . peace within myself . . . and the possibility of peace with others.