

People of Peace

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SHALOM is God's gift of complete wholeness and peace - body, spirit and soul - to all creation through life in Him.

Because I **HAVE** peace with **GOD**, I can **SEEK** peace with **OTHERS**.

- **True peace can only come from the Supreme Peacemaker – Jesus.**

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. – Romans 5:1

- **Receiving peace with God changes us into people of peace.**
- **Being people of peace, we can seek peace with others.**

The three options before us:

1. **Seek Revenge**
2. **Hold a Grudge**
3. **Seek Peace**

⁹ Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰ **Love one another** with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in **showing honor**. ¹¹ Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, **be constant in prayer**. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

¹⁴ **Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.** ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ **Live in harmony with one another.** Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. ¹⁷ **Repay no one evil for evil**, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸ **If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.**

¹⁹ Beloved, **never avenge yourselves**, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹ **Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.** – Romans 12:9-21