

## Peace – Pt 2 – Christ is our peace

This is our second study on peace. In our first teaching we established that – (1) peace is good cheer, (2) peace is rest, (3) the opposite to division, and (4) peace is the opposite to confusion. In this study we establish – (1) Jesus gives us His peace, (2) Jesus is our peace when He made Jew and Gentile one in Christ, (3) Therefore the gospel of Christ is good news of peace, and (4) therefore we preach peace!

According to the scriptures –

### 1. Jesus gives us His peace – not as the world gives us

“Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid” (Jn.14: 27).

Example – of Jesus giving His disciples His peace (Jn 20:19). See also Jn.20: 26

### 2. Christ is our peace – when He made Jew and Gentile one in Christ

“For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us...for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace” (Eph.2: 14 & 15).

### 3. Therefore, the gospel of Christ is good news, glad tidings of peace.

“And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace” (Rom.10: 15). See also Eph.2: 17,

### 4. Therefore – we preach peace by Jesus Christ

“The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:)” (Acts 10:36).

Illustration to help apply the teaching to our life.

I have in the past allowed myself to get angry with those preaching another gospel – whether they be Jehovah Witnesses, Hari Krishna's or Mormons. It happened most often when I saw them trying to evangelise the lost and so deceive others with their false religion. It might have been a righteous anger but I never felt good afterwards.

Question to think about.

During those times when I got angry what did I forget in preaching the gospel?

Our answer from the scriptures.

I lost sight of – i) we are in a battle and our enemy is a deceiver, and ii) in the context of this study – ii) I had forgotten that the gospel message of Christ-crucified is good tidings of peace. This is confirmed by what people do with the gospel –

a) For those that receive and believe the gospel of Christ-crucified they receive peace – as Jew and Gentile are one (Eph.2: 14 & 15).

b) For those that reject this glorious gospel of peace – their path will be void of peace, and will suffer misery and destruction (Rom.3: 12–17).

Remember to be mindful that the message of salvation, which is foolishness to those that believe not, is the gospel of peace, where God reconciled both Jew and Gentile in one body. Let us beseech the lost to receive the gospel of the peace of Christ, in a world that knows no peace! And let us do so with humility and compassion!

“Grace be with you, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father...” (2 Jn.1: 3). Amen!!