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## Peace – Pt 4 & final – righteousness is sown in peace

This is our fourth and final study on peace. In our previous teaching we established that – (1) Jesus give 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. In this study we establish – (1) the fruit of the Spirit is peace, (2) the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace, and (3) therefore when we obey unrighteousness God chastens us to yield the peaceable fruit of righteousness.

Scriptures upon which this teaching is founded –

### 1. The fruit of the Spirit is peace

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith” (Gal.5: 22).

The fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth – Eph.5: 9.

### 2. Therefore the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace.

“And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace” (Jam.3: 18).

Therefore – when we walk in the Spirit, live in the Spirit and are led by the Spirit of God we live in righteousness and have peace.

### 3. Therefore, when we obey unrighteousness God chastens us to yield the peaceable fruit of righteousness.

“Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness. Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness” (Heb.12: 9–11).

Illustration to help apply the teaching to our life.

Jehu executed the Lord’s judgment on the worshippers of Baal “But” he “took no heed to walk in the law of the LORD God of Israel with all his heart” 2 Kgs 10: 20 & 31). Many Christians are no different today as children of the living God.

For me my times of disobedience were plagued with a lack of peace. The greater the sin, and more reluctant to depart from it – the less peace I had. Whereas, the greater my obedience to the word of God the more peace I felt.

Question to think about.

- i) What does it mean to yield “the peaceable fruit of righteousness” (Heb.12: 1)?
- ii) Why does sin affect our peace?

Our answer from the scriptures.

- i) The peaceable fruit of righteousness is righteousness that is sown in peace.
- ii) Sin affects peace because – righteousness is sown in peace. So if there is no righteousness there is no peace, and iniquity quenches the Spirit of God that bears fruit of peace. So, If you have no peace – ask God to show you your sin, repent, and do work meet for repentance and patiently endure God’s chastisement from which righteousness will be sown in peace. My encouragement to the young and old is – yield the peaceable fruit of righteousness from walking uprightly rather than from God’s chastisement, as the journey of those chastened by God is grievous. Amen!