

Faith and Love C.O.G.I.C Bible Band

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SOWING SEEDS OF PEACE



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Background Scripture: James 3:13-18

13 Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.

14 But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth.

15 This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.

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16 For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

18 And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.



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Background Scripture: Zechariah 8:12; Hebrews 12:14

12 For the seed shall be prosperous; the vine shall give her fruit, and the ground shall give her increase, and the heavens shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these things.

14 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:



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Background Scripture: Philippians 4:6-9

6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.



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Background Scripture: Philippians 4:6-9

8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

9 Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.



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Background Scripture: 2 Thessalonians 3:16; John 14:27

16 Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means.
The Lord be with you all.

27 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.



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Devotional Reading: Colossians 3:12-17

9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;

10 And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

11 Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.



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12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

14 And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.



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15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.



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Central Verse: Isaiah 26:3, KJV

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.



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INTRODUCTION

Life is filled with problems, anxieties, fears, mental unrest, hostilities, loneliness, and frustrations that come from living on an earth that is filled with fallen humanity. **We cannot depend on our circumstances to receive real peace.** But we can sow seeds of love, joy, and happiness just knowing the Prince of Peace, who is Jesus, the Son of the Living God. He is the only true source of peace.



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INTRODUCTION

God's love will never pass away. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but God's peace will not fade, it shall not wither, nor will it pass. It shall cover, protect, lead, empower, guide us and will even overtake us when we sow the seeds that produce peace. Peace is a gift from God that He desires to give to every believer. We can be in a fierce storm, but the Master of Storms can speak, and peace will come.



DISCUSSION

Jesus said, blessed are the peacemaker, for they shall be called the children of God. How many times have believers been in situations of conflict that needed someone to diffuse the conflict? They found that harsh words were not the answer to bring peace, harsh words only compounded the confusion. A soft soothing tone of voice brought peace into the conflict, and the issue ceased. Sometimes, just waiting for the heat of the conflict to end, means the conflict was over. Grievous words stir up wrath.

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DISCUSSION

The Word of the Lord instructs us to follow peace with all men for without Holiness no man shall see the Lord. Sometimes to connect some things, we must deliberately go after it, pursue it, and make it our business to be where it is. Since Jesus is the Prince of Peace, we must seek to have Jesus among us.



DISCUSSION

What is a seed? A seed is the flowering plant's unit of reproduction, capable of developing into another such plant. The Word of the Lord says that if a man sows sparingly, he shall reap sparingly. There is a time and a season to sow, and some seeds will not grow out of season, then there are others that will grow in and out of season. They grow anytime where they are sown, if they are sown into good ground at the proper time.

DISCUSSION

Words are seeds, when a peacemaker, who has words of peace speaks, they can prevent fights and even wars. The power of death and life are in the tongue. **Spending time in God's Word helps to plant seeds of faith and peace in God.** Peace is an amazing gift that God offers to us freely. The Word of the Lord offers us faith-affirming biblical principles that will help us do what no one else in the world will ever do as well. We will build a lasting thriving faith in God. The Word encourages us to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. David said, thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee.

DISCUSSION

Seeds of righteousness that give peace to us must be sown into our hearts. When we find ourselves at a time of brokenness, it's important that we experience the peace of God through intimacy and time in God's Word. We learn how to manage our peace while allowing God to put us back together piece by piece through the Word. The Word will guide and mold us. God knows exactly how to put us back together again.

DISCUSSION

Peace is a gift to us from God. The Word of God, His Son Jesus, gives peace. Because He is the Word, He is a seed, and seeds grow. Jesus said my peace I give to you, not as the world knows peace. He wants us to understand that **our peace is not based on what is going on in our lives.** It's not resting on life's circumstances, but upon Jesus who is the truth, which is found in the Word.

CONCLUSION

God does not want His children to be ignorant, He wants us to ask for wisdom. His wisdom that comes down from heaven is pure, peace loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial, and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace, reap a harvest of righteousness. When the disciples were in the boat and a fierce storm came upon them, they were afraid and cried out to Jesus who was sleeping. They told Him that the storm was raging, and the wind was so strong that the waves were about to destroy the ship.

CONCLUSION

They asked Him if He was going to allow them to perish. After He rebuked them for having little faith, He then spoke to the wind and the waves, commanding them to be still. God wants us to know that when we have sown seeds of peace, we can then speak peace to any situation. **We must choose to have peace, for peace is available to those who really want it.** We do not have to stay in the shape that we are in, because peace can be found. Zechariah said, “For the seed shall be prosperous: the vine shall give her fruit, and the ground shall give her increase, and the heavens shall give their dew (8:12).

ESSENTIAL THOUGHT

Peace is available to all believers who will
ask, seek, and receive it.

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Lesson 7

James – The Author of the Book of James

