

# IS LIVING AT PEACE WITH PEOPLE A PIPE DREAM?



*Do not repay anyone evil for evil...*

*live at peace with everyone.*

Romans 12:17,18

If you have ever watched the comedy series *Everyone Loves Raymond* the answer is “no.” And the above picture was “AI” or at least staged.

The mantra often heard countless times, especially with married couples is: ***He/she is impossible to live with!***

This Sunday we are finishing up our series **CHRISTIANITY 101** on Romans 12. It will certainly not be devoted to marriage counseling. Rather it deals with a broad spectrum of relationships: family, church, neighbors, even irritating folk who can get under our skin!

Doesn't Paul startle us with this challenge? *Insofar as it depends on you, if possible: live at peace with everyone.* (verse 18)

***How's your Schadenfreude?*** (part 2) is the title of the series closer. We will zoom in on verses 17-21. Believe me, it's worth a close look.

So, is living in harmony with others a possibility or merely an idealistic pipe dream? Let me tell you up front: The Apostle Paul, ever the realist, tackles the subject head on.

Looking forward to seeing you this Lord's Day with the promise to brush up on my German to pronounce *schadenfreude* correctly this week! See you then.

## *Pastor Chuck*

### THIS WEEK'S BULLETIN BELOW

Do not be overcome by evil,  
but overcome evil with good.

**Romans 12:21**



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