

# Questions About How to Achieve Peace, Justice, and Community in a Violent World

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Many of us here are Muslim slaves and we wonder why there is so much division and violence among Muslims if Islam is a religion of peace? How can we achieve the peace, justice, and community taught in the Qur'an but we struggle with infighting, terrorism, and oppression? We don't even know why us Sunni are still fighting the Shia. Does the Bible speak of unity in the ummah (global Muslim community)? Apostle Pastor Ed - Is the problem with our Politics? Our Human nature? Or something more?

## Answer:

That is a heartfelt and courageous question. Thank you for asking it with such honesty. From the **Gospel of Jesus Christ** and the full truth of Scripture, here is a loving, respectful, and clear answer:

### **1. The Bible Speaks of a Coming Global Division—But Also a Greater Peace**

While Islam teaches the idea of a unified **ummah**, the Bible explains that **true unity can never come from human religion, ethnicity, or politics** alone. According to the Scriptures, we are **divided because of sin**—deep within the human heart:

**“What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you?”**

— *James 4:1*

The Bible teaches that **violence and division are not just political issues—but spiritual ones**. From Cain killing Abel, to nations rising against nations, the pattern of bloodshed is rooted in **the human heart**, which has been separated from God due to sin (Jeremiah 17:9).

### **2. The Bible Predicted the Struggles Among Abraham's Descendants**

The Bible prophesied the rise of **Ishmael's descendants**, whom many Muslims trace their lineage to. God **blessed** Ishmael (Genesis 17:20), but also foretold:

**“He shall be a wild man; his hand shall be against every man, and every man’s hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren.”**

— *Genesis 16:12*

This doesn’t mean Ishmaelites are cursed—**far from it!** It means God **foresaw the internal conflict**, the longing for peace, and the struggle for identity among his descendants. But God also **had a redemptive plan**.

### **3. Jesus Came to Bring the Peace You Long For**

The Qur’an teaches that **Isa al-Masih (Jesus the Messiah)** is righteous, sinless, and born of a virgin (Surah 3:45-47, 19:19). But the Bible reveals more: that **Jesus is the Prince of Peace**, and the **only One who can heal the human heart** and bring lasting unity between all people—Jew, Gentile, Arab, African, European—everyone.

**“For He Himself is our peace... and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility... making one new humanity out of the two.”**

— *Ephesians 2:14-16*

Jesus didn’t just preach peace—**He made peace by dying for our sins**. He did what no prophet, no political leader, and no human system could do. He tore down the wall between us and God, and between man and man.

### **4. Islam’s Struggle Reflects the Deep Longing for a Savior**

Your question—*“Why are we divided if we’re supposed to be at peace?”*—is powerful. It reveals that Islam, for all its calls to unity, **cannot heal the soul**. It offers laws, rules, and community structures—but **it lacks a Savior**. It cannot remove guilt, hatred, or selfishness.

Only the Gospel of Jesus says:

**“I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you... I will remove your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.”**

— *Ezekiel 36:26*

### **5. You Are Invited Into a Greater Ummah: The Family of God**

In Christ, there is a **new, eternal ummah**—not based on language, ethnicity, or denomination, but on the **Spirit of God**. It's not just about outward unity. It's about a **new birth**:

**“For you are all one in Christ Jesus... heirs according to the promise.”**

— *Galatians 3:28-29*

In the Gospel, **slaves become sons**, and strangers become brothers and sisters in the household of God.

### **Final Word: A Question for You**

If Jesus is the only One who can heal the division, forgive your sins, and give you the peace your heart longs for...

**Would you be willing to learn more about Him—not just as a prophet, but as Savior and Lord?**

I would be honored to study this more with you.