

## PEACE AND UNITY

Romans 12:18 “If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone”

### GOD LOVES PEACE

- 1) P\_\_\_\_\_ is a part of God’s c\_\_\_\_\_. He is often referred to as the God of peace (Rom 15:33; 2 Cor 13:11; I Thes 5:23; Heb 13:20)
- 2) Peace is a b\_\_\_\_\_ that God gives to those that follow Him and His word (Psalms 29:11, 119:165; Prov 16:7; Gal 6:16).
- 3) God c\_\_\_\_\_ us to s\_\_\_\_\_ peace (Jer 29:7; Rom 14:19; Heb 12:14).
- 4) God t\_\_\_\_\_ His people to use word “peace” as a standard form of greeting and parting (Judges 6:23; Luke 7:50, 8:48, 24:36). Most of the New Testament epistles either begin or end with a prayer for peace (Rom 1:7, 15:13; Gal 1:3; 2 Thes 3:16).
- 5) J\_\_\_\_\_ reputation depends on u\_\_\_\_\_ (peace) (John 17:20-23).

### THREE DIMENSIONS OF PEACE

- 1) Peace with G\_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 5:1-2; Col 1:19-20).

How do we get peace with God? Believe in and receive Jesus gift of salvation (Eph 2:8-9; John 1:12-13, 3:16).

- 2) Peace with O\_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 12:18)

How do we get peace with others?

- Love others as we love ourselves (Mat 22:39)
- Put others first and look out for their interests (Phil 2:1-4)
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3) Peace within 0\_\_\_\_\_

How do we get peace within ourselves? Believe in Jesus and obey His commands (internal peace is a by-product of righteousness) (Isa 26:3, 48:18; I John 3:21-24).

### **ENEMY OF PEACE – SATAN**

Some of Satan's strategies:

- 1) Tempts us to be greedy and dishonest (Acts 5:3)
- 2) Deceives and misleads us (2 Tim 2:25-26)
- 3) Takes advantage of unresolved anger (Eph 4:26-27)
- 4) Uses false teachers to promote values and philosophies of selfishness and to stimulate controversies (I Tim 4:1-3)