

Week 12

“Peace”

Ephesians 2:14-16

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As I read these verses today, my eyes fixate on “peace.” Peace seems to be scarce in our world right now as we are facing the COVID-19 pandemic. You cannot escape someone talking about it. The uncertainty of the future has heightened anxiety worldwide.

Yet, the first eight words of verse 14 give a different picture. “For Christ himself has brought peace to us.”

Remember that as Paul is writing to the Ephesians, it is a new idea that both Jew and Gentile can be accepted as children of God. Up until now, the Jews have exclusively been God’s people. There has been a separation between Jew and Gentile. The law of God given to the Jews brought peace with God, but now Paul says that Christ Himself has brought peace. Christ brought together both Jew and Gentile through His death on the cross. This meant that all were free to accept God’s wonderful gift of salvation, and this was the only thing that could bring real and lasting peace.

And so it is today! Christ is the source of our peace. Whether the Corona Virus is eradicated tomorrow or whether we are social distancing for another six months, Christ is still our source of peace. Believers can rest assured that one day we will see Him face to face and all of the worries of this world will pass away.

QUESTION: Are you able to rest in the peace of Christ while the world seems to be spinning out of control?

WALK IT OUT: The next time you hear or read a news update about COVID-19, ask God to give you the peace that passes all understanding and turn your thoughts to Jesus Christ.

PRAYER: Dear God, this world is not my home. You have sent Jesus Christ to give us peace and abundant life. Please help me to hold on to the peace and life that comes through Jesus Christ and to share it with those around me during these stressful times.