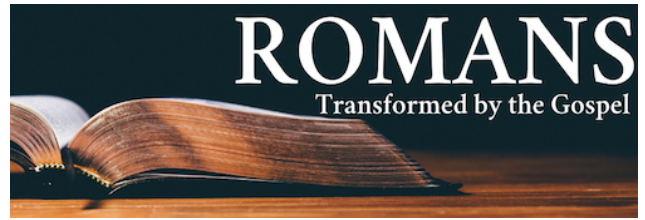


Peace with God!

June 7th, 2020 – Romans 5:1, 6-11
Pastor Jon Pickens



What Is Peace with God?

1. Peace was destroyed in the **garden**.
 - a. The Fall **broke** mankind's peace with God.
 - b. This separation was **symbolized** through the tabernacle.
2. Peace was **restored** at the cross.
 - a. His reconciling death was an audacious act of **love**.
 - b. His reconciling death will save us from God's future **wrath**.
3. Peace is a **present** reality through His resurrection.

Definition: Peace with God is an act of **God** through the death and resurrection of Jesus to **restore** a relationship that mankind broke because of **sin**.

Implications of Having Peace with God

1. It moves us to **rejoice** in God who reconciled us to Himself through Christ!
 2. It demands that we live in **alignment** with reconciliation.
 - a. Important principles that will help you live in alignment with reconciliation:
 - i. **Humble** yourself!
 - ii. Learn to **listen**!
 - iii. Dialog with each other in a **respectful** way.
 - iv. Think **Biblically**!
 - v. Leave room for the **Spirit** of God to work.
 - vi. Remember that only **God** can change hearts!
 3. It calls us to become **ambassadors** of reconciliation.
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Implication Questions

1. What is the strongest argument as to why a Christian should be a peace loving and peace pursuing person?
2. Pastor Jon suggested that to be a person who genuinely pursues peace one must be humble, learn to listen, dialog with respect, think Biblically, leave room for the Holy Spirit to work, and remember that only God can change hearts. Of these suggestions, what do you need to work on the most in your life?
3. Not only are we called to seek peace, but to be advocates of God's righteousness (justice) on earth. How do you think a Christian can do both of those?
4. In what way is it challenging to your soul that God has called you to be His ambassador of reconciliation?
5. What is one action you can take and change you can make in your own life as a result of the teaching of God's Word this morning?

Next Steps: June Reading Plan (Week 2)

Day One: Eph. 5

Day Two: Eph. 6

Day Three: Phil. 1

Day Four: Phil. 2

Day Five: Phil. 3

Journaling Tip:

As you think about a particular truth throughout that day from your reading, often an application or an implication of the truth will surface. Capture it in your journal at night to help solidify it in your mind and heart.

Next Week's Sermon: Romans 5:2-5

June Scripture Memory:

43 "For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, **44** for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thorn bushes, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. **45** The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

Luke 6:43-45 (ESV)