



The peace of Christ

Friends, we are talking about things that concern the *local church*, or in other words the *local visible church*.

Psalm 133

Mark 3:31-35

See it?

1. Jesus has given us peace **with** God (Rom 5:1)
2. Jesus's death and resurrection makes it so that we can also have peace of heart from the Holy Spirit that comes **through** *prayer*, (Phil 4:5-7)
3. There is also a peace ***with each other*** that we must maintain, (1 Th 5:13)



Let's look at Col. 3:15

1. When we love people, it makes a difference in how we **relate** to them.
2. *If we want* peace, then we **avoid** creating conflicts.
3. Being ruled by peace means that when there is **unavoidable** conflict, we work through those times without *setting the world on fire*.

Love each other and be at peace

For a church to be at peace means that while we may not always agree, we must remain peaceful as a fellowship. Our disagreements are to be *flavored with loving restraint* and completely devoid of animas, malice, and *pride*. This is hard, because we *tend* towards animas, malice, and pride – don't we?

“one body” aka “a single body”

... **In a healthy body harmony prevails among the various parts. (F.F. Bruce)** A physician told me this state is called, **“Homeostasis: the tendency toward a relatively stable equilibrium between interdependent elements, especially as maintained by physiological processes.”** So, all the parts work to support the welfare of the body. **Is that you?**



Advice from Charles Spurgeon

I. Possess the Peace of God

II. Let This Peace Rule in Your
Hearts

III. Strengthen Yourself by God's
Spirit with Arguments for Peace

IV. Occupy Your Minds
Healthily—"Be Ye Thankful"

