

He Is Our Peace

“For He is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us.”

Ephesians 2:14 (KJV)

Salvation’s message came to the world through the Mosaic Law and ordinances given to Israel. It revealed a divine separation between God and humanity. God intended to bridge that gap through Jesus Christ. Praise the Lord He did, by destroying the power of sin through His Cross.

In doing so, the Father-God did away with the fleshly ordinances as a means of satisfying His demand for righteousness. He accomplished this by virtue of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. He enabled these ordinances to be fulfilled by the obedience of Jesus. He became the curse for man’s sin and rebellion and provided for our acceptance with God, as children and imparted to us righteousness necessary to be able to stand before God’s presence without sin and without the fear of rejection.

That promise was first given through Abraham and the covenant the Father established with Israel. Now, we are one with the commonwealth of Israel, equal partners in the Abrahamic Covenant. However, through the New Covenant, based on the blood of Jesus, much more is provided. We are part of the Family of God that surpasses the covenant that came through Abraham. Ours came through Jesus (Hebrews 8:6). Faith in Him opens the door for our entrance into that divine Family, called the Church, His Body. We are not classified as servants, but as sons and daughters with His life resident in our inner-man.

The word used for “peace” escapes us because of our current vernacular and our failure to understand Biblical uses of words. The Greek word ***“eirenopoios”*** meaning peacemaker, is not used here. One can argue that a peace maker takes varied factors related to conflict and brings them into agreement through compromise and negotiation. In the process, both sides lose something personal in order to mutually gain something that will satisfy a greater objective, peace.

However, here, ***“eirenen”*** meaning peace is used. Now that may seem insignificant on the surface, but it isn’t. The greater object of peace is not something yet to be realized, it is found only in the Person of Jesus Christ. It does not need to be negotiated because Jesus, the Absolute essence of peace came and brought it into the human race by virtue of a miraculous birth in Bethlehem.

For approximately thirty-three years, that peace personified in the Person of Jesus Christ, walked among men, declaring peace in spite of the adversary, his works of sin, and destruction in the lives of humanity. He came to undo what sin had brought about because of and through the rebellion that occurred in the Garden of Eden.

At the Cross, that reality of peace was given over to humanity in a collective sense and subsequently obtained personally through the function of faith in His death, burial, and resurrection. So, peace was not obtained by works, it was a miraculous act of God through the incarnation.

This awesome reality of peace is likewise not earned by us, it is received, by faith in the Person of Jesus Christ when we receive Him as our personal Savior. So Jesus did not bring peace to be received apart from Himself. Peace comes when Jesus does, in the midst of a life, in the midst of any circumstance.

So Jesus Christ is not simply the Peace Maker, though He “makes” peace. Jesus Christ IS the Peace. It is not making peace in the middle of confusion and despair, but He IS the peace that arises within these adverse circumstances. The wall that separated us from God’s divine provision of peace was taken away. Now the Person, who IS peace, lives inside the New Creation, all the time.

“Made both one...” I am now one with Christ because of His work. Now, wherever I am, Peace is also present. This peace is not so because of the absence of strife, but because this Peace brings together Jesus Christ and the situation. Whether the situation is a relationship, sickness, stress, financial pressure, or anything; Jesus in me brings God’s Peace into that situation. He brings the factors together connecting them with His power to resolve them.

God’s will?, let peace rule (Colossians 3:15). If it doesn’t, then I have not fully understood what the Word says about Jesus Who is my peace. So, today, I chose to commit myself to allow His Peace to rule in my life, and everything connected with it.