



Be At Peace With One Another

Ephesians 2:13-17

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Romans 12:18

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But now in Christ Jesus you, who once were far away, have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near.

“The person who hates you most has some good in him; even the nation that hates you most has some good in it; even the race that hates you most has some good in it. And when you come to the point that you look in the face of every man and see deep down within him what religion calls “the image of God,” you begin to love him in spite of. No matter what he does, you see God’s image there.”

- Martin Luther King Jr, "*Loving Your Enemies*" (Sermon at Dexter Ave Baptist Church)

“The Christian needs another Christian who speaks God’s word to him. He needs him again and again when he becomes uncertain and discouraged, for by himself he can not help himself without belying the truth...A Christian comes to the others only through Jesus Christ. Among men there is strife.

'He is our peace' says Paul of Jesus Christ (Ephesians 2:14). Without Christ there is discord between God and man and between man and man. Christ became the Mediator and made peace with God and among man. Without Christ we should not know God, we could not call upon Him, nor come to Him. But without Christ we also would not know our brother, nor could we come to him. The way is blocked by our own ego. Christ opened up the way to God and to our brother. Now Christians can live with one another in peace; they can love and serve one another, they can become one. But they can continue to do so only by way of Jesus Christ. Only in Jesus Christ are we one, only through him are we bound together."

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Life Together*

John 14:26-27

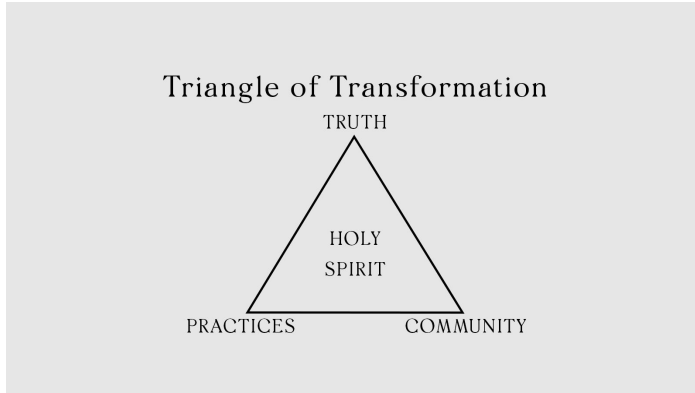
The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

Mark 9:50

Be at peace with one another.

Matthew 5:9

Blessed are the peacemakers.



Truth:

- Jesus has brought down the dividing walls and united His followers.
- Jesus is our peace (through the Holy Spirit, His peace is with us still).
- Jesus wants us to be at peace with one another.

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“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”

- Martin Luther King Jr.



Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master,

grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to

console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.