

“CONTRADICTION: PEACE & BATTLE?”

SERMON NOTES

Ephesians 6:15

1. **Know the _____ to Know True Peace.**

Gen 3 – conflict between man & God

Rom 3:23; 6:23 – sin separated us from God

Hab 1:13a; Rom 1:18 – in the balance of God’s character, sin can’t go unpunished

Isa 64:6 – even our best deeds are tainted with sin

Eph 2:4-5 – God provided the solution

Jn 3:16; 14:6 – Jesus is the peacemaker

1 Jn 2:1 – Jesus satisfied justice

1 Pt 1:3-4a – Jesus’ resurrection ensures salvation’s accomplished

2 Pt 3:9 – God invites & is being patient

Rom 10:9-10; Jn 20:31 – You must believe

2. _____ **the Good News of Peace to Stand Firm.**

The focus of the verse is on...

Preparation is not proclamation but rather the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

Still we are called to proclaim the gospel – Mt 28:19; 2 Cor 5:20. Use the Romans Road – 3:23; 6:23; 5:8; 10:9-10, 13

What is the gospel of peace?

PEACE _____ GOD

OT vs NT on peace

Why is *peace with God* important to understand?

PEACE _____ GOD

Peace is (vs. what our world thinks)...

See Ps 23:4; 46:1-3; Mt 28:20b; Heb 13:5b; Mt 6:26

Living in peace...

3. _____ **the Good News of Peace to Stand Firm**

“fitting your feet” – middle voice

Significance?

Benefit of the gospel of peace:

- 1) It increases your love for God, others, & the lost
- 2) It humbles your pride
- 3) It puts trials into perspective focusing us on God’s glory
- 4) It snuffs out division in the body

Peace comes by 1) delighting in God, 2) pursuing unity & harmony, 3) thru prayer, 4) in refusing to chase falsehood & unrighteousness, 5) put the truth into practice.