

PEACE WITH GOD

We are currently studying a special series of nine lessons entitled,
The New Covenant Theology of the Blood of Christ.

This series of nine lessons is important to the New Covenant Eucharist Cup:

(1 Cor.11:25) “This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

This is the seventh of the nine doctrines of the Theology of Blood of Christ of the Eucharist Cup.

<p>This lesson will study four aspects of Peace with God.</p>
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1. We will examine our lesson text by dividing the lesson text into two parts of the theology of God’s peace: Unbeliever and Believer.

a. The first part of God’s peace deals with the unbeliever (Eph.2:13-17).

We call it Peace with God.

(Eph.2:17) “And He came and **preached peace to you** who were far away (Gentiles), and peace to those who were near (Jews).”

(Isa.57:19) Creating the praise of the lips. Peace, peace to him who is far and to him who is near,” Says the LORD, “and I will heal him.”

(Rom.5:1) “**Therefore, having been justified** (dikaioo/ a.p.ptc.nplm) **by faith** (ek+abl. of source of separation/ pistis/ abl.s.f), **we have** (echo/ p.a.ind.1pl) **peace with God** (pros+accusative; eirene/asf; ton theos/ asm) **through** (dia+abl.of agent of peace with God) **our Lord Jesus Christ.**” (Rom.5:9, 16, 18)

b. The second part of God’s peace deals with believers (Eph.2:18-22).

We will call it the Peace of God.

(Phil.4:7) “And **the peace of God** (he eirene/ nsf; ton theos/ abl.s.m/ source of separation) **which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.**”

(Eph.2:13) “**But now IN** (en+locative of person) [Positional Truth] **Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off** (Adam’s Original Sin) (Rom.5:12) **have been brought nearby** (en+instrumental) [means] **the blood of the Christ.**” (Note contrast before and after salvation)

2. Every unbeliever is physically born “far off” from God (Eph.2:13, 17) and is born under the 13 judicial charges of Adam’s Original Sin.

“Far off” are those separated from God by the barrier of Adam’s Original Sin.

(Eph.2:14) “For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down (luo/ a.a.ptc.nsm) the barrier (to mesotoichon/ asn) of the dividing wall (tou phragmos/ gsm).”

The Barrier (8 of the 13 things listed in this verse):

- Formerly (2:11)
- Excluded (2:12)
- strangers (2:12)
- no hope (2:12)
- without God in the World (2:12)
- far off (2:13)
- enmity (2:14-15)
- aliens (2:19)

(John 4:2) **Gentiles vs Jews** (John 1:12-13)

3. The moment a person believes the gospel of grace salvation:

The barrier is broken down; and that person enters into eternal peace with God which he can never lose in time nor eternity (Gospel – (1 Cor.15:1-4) (Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9) [Grace Salvation].

(Eph.2:15) “**By abolishing** (katargeo/ a.a.ptc.nsm) in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandment contained in ordinances (Gen.2:17; Rom.5:1-21), **so that in Himself He might make** (ktizo/ a.a.subj.3ps) [create] the two into one new man, **thus establishing** (poieo/ p.a.ptc.nsm) **peace.**”

BARRIER

(Eph.2:11-13) Therefore remember that formerly you, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called “Uncircumcision” by the so-called “Circumcision,” which is performed in the flesh by human hands - remember that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

BARRIER BROKEN DOWN

(Eph.2:14) For He Himself is our peace, who made both *groups into* one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall,

BROUGHT INTO ONE

(Eph.2:15-19) by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace, and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity. **AND HE CAME AND PREACHED PEACE TO YOU WHO WERE FAR AWAY, AND PEACE TO THOSE WHO WERE NEAR;** for through Him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father. So, then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God’s household

BUILT TOGETHER

(Eph.2:20-22) having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy  temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.

4. While the message for the unbeliever is **Peace with God** (being far off) through the gospel of grace salvation, the message of **the Peace of God** (brought near) is the message for the spiritually advancing believer.

(Eph.2:13) “**But now** in Christ Jesus you who **formerly** were far off **have been brought near** by the blood of Christ.”

There are two doctrinal mechanics for the Peace of God in the Christian way of life:

- **Spirituality** Walk by means of Indwelling Holy Spirit (Gal.5:16)
- **The Faith Cycle** Walk by means of faith (2 Cor.5:7)

Spirituality:

The mechanics of “Spirituality” consistent walking by means of the Indwelling Holy Spirit.

(1 Cor.6:19-20) Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price: therefore, glorify God in your body.

(Gal.3:2) This is the only thing I want to find out from you: did you receive the Spirit by the works of the Law, or by hearing with faith?

(1 Cor.3:1-3) And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual men, but as to men of flesh, as to infants in Christ. I gave you milk to drink, not solid food; for you were not yet able *to receive it*. Indeed, even now you are not yet able, for you are still fleshly. For since there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking like mere men?

(1 John 1:9) If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Internal dialogue:

(John 14:26) But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.

(John 16:13-15) But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose *it* to you. All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore, I said that He takes of Mine and will disclose *it* to you.

One of the nine fruit of the Indwelling Holy Spirit is Peace of God.

(Gal.5:22-23) “But the **fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, **peace**, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, gentleness, self-control, against such things there is no law.”

NOTE: You can substitute **Peace** for fruit – **Peace of The Spirit** (3rd member of Godhead)

Faith Cycle:

The mechanics of the “Faith Cycle” is the consistent inhale and exhale of Categorical Bible Doctrine.

(2 Tim.3:16-17) All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

(Col.3:15-16) “**Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts**, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful. **Let the word of Christ richly dwell in you**, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts.”