

# THAT WAS THEN, THIS IS NOW!

## Handling Conflict God's Way

Various Scriptures

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### Bottom Line:

How believers deal with conflict is a powerful indication of the radical change Jesus Christ brings to our hearts.

### **Definition: "Conflict Resolution"**

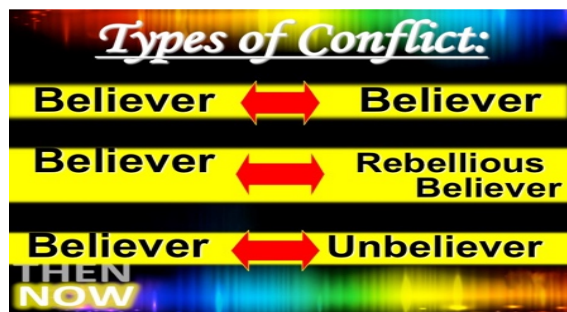
The commitment to address disagreements according to God's plan and power with a goal of \_\_\_\_\_ and restoration! ("peacemaker")

*Intro: Peace versus Conflict – The lifelong tension as we follow Jesus Christ.*

*A. Peace with God is the result of \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ. Romans 5:1*

*B. Following Christ can often result in conflict. 2 Timothy 3:12*

*C. Conflict in a believer's life should always be accompanied by the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. Philippians 4:6-7*



*D. Conflict with others will occur and we have no option but to adhere to biblical strategies to deal with them.*

**1. Humbly identify conflict-\_\_\_\_\_ in your life. Romans 12:18**

*A. Self-centered, "it's all about me" heart/\_\_\_\_\_ James 3:14-16*

*B. Destructive, "in your face" \_\_\_\_\_ Ephesians 4:29*

*C. Short-fused, "out of control" \_\_\_\_\_ James 1:19-20*

*D. Negative, "believing the worst" \_\_\_\_\_ Ephesians 4:1-3*

*E. Unteachable, "I'm always right" \_\_\_\_\_ Colossians 3:13; 1 Thessalonians 1:6*

*F. Quick to Condemn, "forget the facts" \_\_\_\_\_ Proverbs 18:17*

**Conclusion of Part 1**