

*Peace With God, Peace with One Another*

*Ephesians 2:13-16*

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- I. Introduction: A New Humanity
- II. Proposition: Peace with God leads to peace with one another
  - a. The Source of Peace
    - i. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors (Matthew 6:12)
    - ii. The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant (Matthew 18:21-35)
  - b. The Command of Peace
    - i. A New Commandment (John 13:34)
    - ii. The High Priestly Prayer (John 17)
    - iii. Live in harmony with one another (Romans 15:5-6)
  - c. The Pursuit of Peace
    - i. Work not to give unnecessary offense
    - ii. Work not to take offense unnecessarily
    - iii. Seek forgiveness from those you have offended
      - 1. Leave your gift at the altar (Matthew 5:23-24)
    - iv. Practice authentic forgiveness
      - 1. Authentic forgiveness is costly (Matthew 5:39)
      - 2. Authentic forgiveness relinquishes vengeance (Prov 24:29)
      - 3. Authentic forgiveness protects the reputation of the offender (Prov 11:13)
      - 4. Authentic forgiveness acknowledges God's sovereignty (Gen 50:20)
      - 5. Authentic forgiveness loves your offender and pray for his spiritual wellbeing (Matthew 5:43-48)