

*Seek Peace
& Pursue It*
-Psalm 34:11-18

Peace, A Fruit of The Spirit
& Important Aspect for
Disciples of Jesus

Hear the Priestly
Blessing of
[Num 6:22-27]
cf. Num 25:12-13





Peace is a major part of
the bible story long
before we get to...

*The Prince of Peace &
The God of All Peace.*

Isa 9:6-7; 1 Th 5:23

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His famous sermon advises *peace*. **Mt 5:38-48**

It is Peter’s summary of God’s Word in **Acts 10:36**.

Reminiscent of the angels in **Lk 2:14**:

Glory to God in the highest, peace & good will among men.

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Some religious people will reject “*terms of peace*.”

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Our opening psalm appears in [**Heb 12:11-15**]

Similar to [**1 Pet 3:8-12**]. Righteousness=*seeking peace*.

[**Ja 3:13-18; 1:19-22; 2:15-16**] Peace needs words & actions.

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In **[Eph 2:13-18]** Christ *made peace* by sacrificially tearing down a wall that divided two groups.

Paul & Peace: Responding to the offer of God & His Son.

The buildup in Romans leads to **[Rom 8:1-8, 12-17]**.

...A belief relevant to “living life”: **[12:14-21; 14:17-19]**.

The Spirit, fruit, & peace gathers in **Galatians 5:**

Our walk [5:13-18] opposes the flesh [5:19-21]...

and The Spirit leads us to righteous fruit: [5:22-24].

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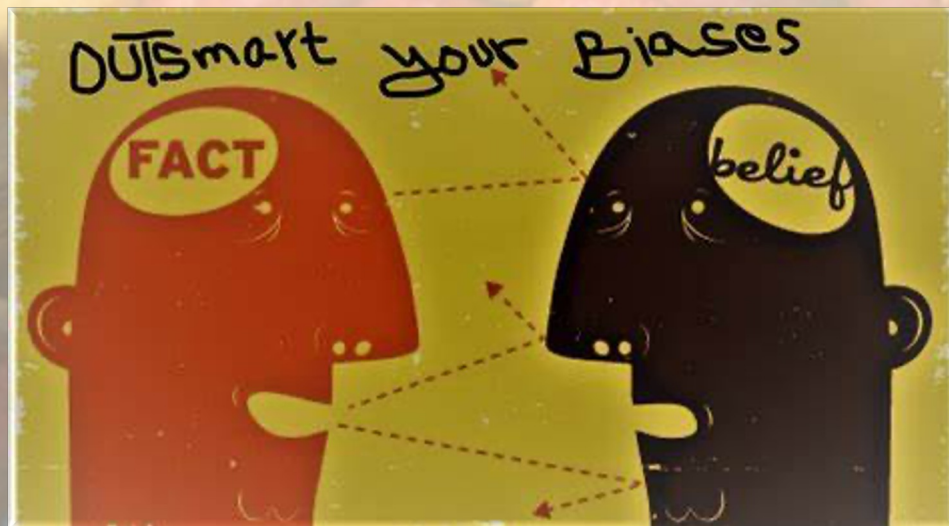
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Righteousness=*seeking peace* with words & actions.

Paul & Peace: A life led by The Spirit will seek peace! (**Eph 2**)

See the buildup in **Romans** & the gathering in **Galatians 5**.



We must fight our confirmation bias!
Do we see others...
positively or negatively?
Live by Christ's rule! [**Gal 6:2-3, 14-16**]