



Peace with God and its Far-Reaching Provisions

Scripture Reading:
John 17:9-26

RECAP: The Peace Provided Among Believers Stated Five Ways:

1. 4x in Jn 17:21-22 – **Jesus requested oneness/unity for all NT grace-believers** by placing them into Himself, in His glorified position at the Father's right hand
2. That request has been fulfilled beginning at Pentecost. Now all grace NT grace-believers declared to be **ONE** - Eph 2:14
3. God has created a new creation in Christ – Eph 2:15, II Cor 5:17
4. This new creation is referred to as **ONE NEW MAN** – Eph 2:15
5. This NEW MAN (creation) also called **“the Christ”** – I Cor 12:12

RECAP (continued)

These five descriptions of our oneness/unity in Christ emphasize that **there are no differences of any kind in our position in Christ.**

We are to relate to, and function with, believers here on Earth, according to our equality in Christ.

INTRODUCTION

Now, all believers being made one in Christ,
have **PEACE WITH ONE ANOTHER**,
also now have **PEACE WITH GOD**, and
wonderful provisions because of this peace.

PEACE WITH GOD

- Eph 2:16

- Our former relationship to God as enemies
 - Col 1:21, Rom 5:10
- But now, we have peace with God through our Lord, Jesus Christ – Rom 5:1

PEACE WITH GOD TO THOSE FAR AND NEAR

Eph 2:16

This peace was evangelized through
other believers - Jn 17:18,20; Matt 28:19

1. Make disciples by evangelizing
2. Then teach them all things

THIS PEACE PROVIDES ACCESS WITH THE FATHER

Eph 2:18, cf Rom 5:2

Access = 'a road unto facing'

All believers, being seated together (cf Eph 2:6) now have equal access to God

THIS PEACE PROVIDES THE SAAME ULTIMATE CITIZENSHIP AND SAME HOUSEHOLD

Eph 2:19

The same “policies” and dealings in Christ – cf
Phil 3:20

The same household (dispensation/ house
law) – cf Eph 2,6

- * Co-inheritors
- * Joint Body
- * Co-partakers of the promise – cf 2:18
(access to the Father)

CONCLUSION

- This world years for peace – absence of outward conflict world-wide. Believers have (available) internal peace
 - With God, through Christ, and
 - With one another, while the exterior conflicts of the world rage about us