

## **United for Peace**

1. **We Are All Responsible to *Manifest Our Unity in Christ* (2-3).**
2. **Christ's Peace Is to *Govern Our Relationships* (4-7).**
3. **We Need to *Apply the Gospel to Love Like Christ* (8-9).**

CONCLUSION: Our joy comes from, and contributes to, our experience of the *peace of God* together with His people and God Himself. It is not based on our circumstances, but the reality of the unity Christ has won for us in His life, death, resurrection, and ascension. As *recipients of His peace* we are to demonstrate our gospel union with Christ and His family in our daily relationships fostered by gospel thoughts and actions.

## **Matthew 5:21-24**

<sup>21</sup> “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ <sup>22</sup> But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. <sup>23</sup> So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there *remember that your brother has something against you*, <sup>24</sup> leave your gift there before the altar and go. *First be reconciled to your brother*, and then come and offer your gift.

## **Numbers 6:22-27**

<sup>22</sup> The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>23</sup> “Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them, <sup>24</sup> The Lord bless you and keep you; <sup>25</sup> the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; <sup>26</sup> the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. <sup>27</sup> “So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them.”

## **Isaiah 55:6-9**

“Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; <sup>7</sup> let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man *his thoughts*; let him *return to the Lord*, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. <sup>8</sup> *For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways*, declares the Lord. <sup>9</sup> For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and *my thoughts* than *your thoughts*.”

## **Romans 14:19**

“So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.”

## **Zechariah 8:14-17**

“For thus says the Lord of hosts: ‘As I purposed to bring disaster to you when your fathers provoked me to wrath, and I did not relent,’ says the Lord of hosts, ‘so again have I purposed in these days to bring good to Jerusalem and to the house of Judah; fear not. <sup>16</sup> These are the things that you shall do: *Speak the truth to one another*; render in your gates *judgments that are true* and *make for peace*; <sup>17</sup> do not devise evil in *your hearts against one another*, and love no false oath, for all these things I hate,’ declares the Lord.”

## **Mark 9:50**

Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”