

Story, Seal, Spirit—The Peace of the Messiah

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Ephesians 4:21-32

(21) Assuming that you have heard about him, as the truth is **in Jesus**, to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, (23) and **to be renewed in the spirit of your minds**, (24) and to **put on the new self** (lit. new man) **created according to God in true righteousness and holiness**.

(25) Therefore, having put away falsehood let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for **we are members one of another**.

(26) Be angry, yet do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil.

(28) Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, **so that he may have something to share with anyone in need**.

(29) Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for **building up**, as fits the occasion, **that it may give grace to those who hear**.

(30) And **do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God**, by whom you were **sealed for the day of redemption**.

(31) Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, **forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you...**

Ephesians 5:1-2

(1)...Therefore **be imitators of God, as beloved children**. (2) And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, **a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God**.

He Himself Is Our Peace.../Ephesians 2:13-18, 22

...**But now** in Christ/Messiah Jesus **you who once were far off have been brought near** by the blood of Christ/Messiah. For **he himself is our peace**, who has made us both (Jew and Gentile) one and **has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility** by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, **that he might create in himself one new man** in place of the two, **so making peace**, and might **reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility**. And he came and **preached peace to you who were far off** and peace to those who were near. For **through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father...** In him you too are **being built together into a dwelling place for God**.

God's Shalom, God's Peace/Isaiah 11:1-10

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots will bear fruit. And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for **the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord** as the waters cover the sea.

In that day the root of Jesse, **who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire**, and his resting place shall be glorious.

New Heart, New Spirit/Ezekiel 36: 22-27

"Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. And I will vindicate **the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them**. And the nations will know that I am the Lord, declares the Lord God, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their

eyes...**I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you.** And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

The Spirit Poured Out on All Flesh/Joel 2:28-30

And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters will prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit.

Sealed With the Promised Holy Spirit...

Ephesians 1:13-14, In him, you also **when you heard the word of truth**, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, **were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit**, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory

2 Corinthians 1:21-22, And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ/Messiah and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

Renewing of the Mind/Ephesians 1:17-23

(Paul Prays) ...that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, **may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you**, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, **according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ/Messiah when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion**, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. **And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.**

Peace, Uniting Heaven and Earth, Central to Jesus' Ministry/Matthew's Gospel

Matthew 17b, Repent (*metanoeo*, change your agenda, your way of thinking) the Kingdom of Heaven is near/at hand

Matthew 5: 9, ...Blessed are the **peacemakers**, for they shall be called sons of God...

Matthew 5:23-24, ...If you are offering a gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift...

Matthew 5:44-45, ...**Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father** who is in heaven...

Matthew 6:9-13, ...Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your Kingdom come, **your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.** Give us this day our daily bread, and **forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.** And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil..."

Peace, Uniting All Things in Christ/John's Gospel

John 15:9-14, **As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you.** Abide in my love...This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my **friends** if you do what I command you...

John 17:20-23, (praying with disciples) I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me, I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me. **That they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you love me...**

John 20:17b, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God...

John 20:19-22, (After his resurrection)...Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "**Peace be with you.**" When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "**Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.**" **When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."**

Let the Peace of the Messiah Rule in Your Hearts/Colossians 3:9-15

Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. **Here there is no Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ/Messiah is all, and in all.**

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. **And let the peace of Christ/Messiah rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body...**