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Part 3: Peace With God
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Every Happy Person Has PEACE with;

Peace with God paves the way to
peace with ourselves and equips
us to make peace with others.

The Conflict

- SIN Unfair and true at the same time
- YOUR SIN God's love is too strong to simply go along

Romans 5:12

Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned.

Colossians 1:13

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves...

Peace with God begins with faith in Christ

Romans 5:1

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ...

Peace with God is sustained by submission to Christ

1 John 1:6

If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth.

1John 4:20

Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen.

BLANKS: THEMSELVES, OTHERS, GOD



PART THREE: PEACE WITH GOD

1. ARE YOU TRYING TO “EARN” ACCESS?

There’s no way we can “behave” our way to reconciliation and peace with God. We have to accept His peace. It comes through embracing and becoming a follower of Jesus. It’s a decision, an intention. It’s a commitment before we even know what to do or before we even experience tangible transformation. It starts with the realization that we are born separate from God and that Christ is the way to reconciliation. Access to God, forgiveness and salvation comes through Him and only through Him.

2. HOW’S YOUR “LOVING FATHER” PERSPECTIVE?

We attach all kinds of earthly experiences to how we view God. A lot of times, depending on who our earthly father is, we tend to see God through a certain lense. Pastor Andy gives us a fresh, clear perspective of who God, our heavenly Father is – and why He has principles and commands for us. It’s because He loves us and is willing to call us to the place that is best for us. How’s your perspective of God. Healthy? Loving? Accurate? Or filtered and skewed. Take God for who He truly is according to the writers of the Bible.

3. HOW’S YOUR “OTHERS” PERSPECTIVE

This point from the teaching is one where we easily begin to make exceptions for our specific situation. You can’t hate and be happy. Well first of all we don’t use the “H” word, but we begin to build a case why we haven’t given forgiveness, haven’t reconciled, shouldn’t even be expected to... Remember last week’s teaching on the “beattitudes” Blessed are the Merciful – which means we are relationally generous and give what [we don’t think] others deserve. We reconcile. We can’t have peace with God and hate others.