

Youth Sunday School – What is Peace? – 9/20/20

- Fighter verse
- Prayer
- Briefly discuss New City Catechism and associated verse
 - Question 3: How many persons are there in God? There are three persons in the one true and living God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. They are the same in substance, equal in power and glory. (2 Corinthians 13:14)
 - Question 4: How and why did God create us? God created us male and female in his own image to know him, love him, live with him, and glorify him. And it is right that we who were created by God should live to his glory. (Genesis 1:27)
- Review Memory Verse List – Discuss one of them

Peace

- Discuss what you think of when you think of peace.
- Peace is a theme throughout the entire Bible, Genesis to Revelation. Look at the following verses. What does each say about peace?
- 1. Genesis 37:4 “But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peacefully to him.”
- 2. Genesis 43:23 “He replied, “Peace to you, do not be afraid.”
- 3. Leviticus 22:21 “And when anyone offers a sacrifice of peace offerings to the Lord to fulfill a vow or as a freewill offering from the herd or from the flock, to be accepted it must be perfect; there shall be no blemish in it.”
- 4. Leviticus 26:6 “I (God) will give peace in the land, and you shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid.”
- 5. Numbers 6:26 “the Lord lift up his countenance (face) upon you and give you peace.”
- 6. Deuteronomy 20:12 “But if it (a city) makes no peace with you, but makes war against you, then you shall besiege it.”
- 7. Judges 6:23-24 “But the Lord said to him, ‘Peace be to you. Do not fear; you shall not die.’ Then Gideon built an altar there to the Lord and called it, The Lord Is Peace (Yahweh-Shalom).”
- 8. 1 Kings 2:33 “But for David and for his descendants and for his house and for his throne there shall be peace from the Lord forevermore.”
- 9. 2 Kings 22:20 “Therefore, behold, I will gather you to your fathers, and you shall be gathered to your grave in peace, and your eyes shall not see all the disaster that I will bring upon this place.”
- 10. Psalm 4:8 “In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.”
- 11. Psalm 119:165 “Great peace have those who love your law; nothing can make them stumble.”
- 12. Isaiah 53:5 “But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.”
- 13. Isaiah 57:21 “There is no peace,” says my God, “for the wicked.”
- 14. Matthew 5:9 “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.”
- 15. Mark 4:39 “And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.”
- 16. John 14:27 “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”
- 17. Romans 5:1 “Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”
- 18. Romans 12:18 “If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.”
- 19. 1 Corinthians 14:33 “For God is not a God of confusion but of peace.”
- 20. Galatians 5:22 “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness...”

21. Philippians 4:6-7 “do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

22. Colossians 3:15 “And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts”

23. Hebrews 12:14 “Strive for peace with everyone”

- Common themes of peace in the Bible

1. God is a god of _____.
2. _____ is the giver of peace.
3. Peace is the opposite of: _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____.
4. Unbelievers need _____ to be at peace with God.
5. As Christians, peace grows in us through the _____, _____ and the _____.
6. Who should we strive to be at peace with? _____.

- Definition: *Peace is freedom from God’s wrath and freedom from turmoil within ourselves and with others.*

- How do we get freedom from God’s wrath?

- What kinds of attitudes or emotions might we feel if we are having “inner turmoil”?

- What might hate-filled relationships look like?

- Is our culture marked by peace or lack thereof? In what ways is this so?

- Why is peace important?

- Prayer Requests

For Next Time: - Read Chapter 13 of Practice of Godliness, “Peace”.

- Keep memorizing the verse you’ve chosen.

Peace Memory Verses (pick at least 1)

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- Philippians 4:6-7 “do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

- Colossians 3:15 “And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body.”

- Psalm 34:14 “Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.”

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

- Hebrews 12:14 “Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.”

Study Guide

1. (Hate and peace do not coexist, peace is a way we can speak to others)
 2. (peace is the opposite of fear)
 3. (the Israelites offered peace offerings which were either to fulfill a vow [which Hannah did when Samuel was born in 1 Samuel] or as a voluntary [freewill] offering, the offering of peace had to be perfect. This foreshadows Christ who as the perfect sacrifice is our peace offering if we accept him.)
 4. (God gives peace, peace is something the land can have, peace includes not being afraid)
 5. (the Lord gives peace, it is associated with the Lord's favor [lifting up his face upon you])
 6. (peace is the opposite of war)
 7. (peace involves not fearing [again] and specifically here not fearing death. Peace is what God is)
 8. (some group of people will have peace forever, the Lord gives peace, peace is what the people in the OT longed for, they always had war and were looking over their shoulder constantly which we don't fully understand since America has generally had little to fear in terms of other nations)
 9. (peace avoids seeing disaster)
 10. (the Lord gives peace, peace is equated here to safety, peace is so comforting that we can lay down and go to sleep [which is very vulnerable] without worrying)
 11. (peace gives some kind of security to your life [nothing can make you stumble], peace comes through the Word of God [loving his law])
 12. (Jesus' death brought us peace, we have no peace apart from Jesus [why? Will be looked at later but because we do not have peace if God's wrath remains on us])
 13. (the wicked will not have peace, by implication the righteous will have peace)
 14. (making peace characterizes God's children)
 15. (peace is calm and stillness, Jesus gives peace and has the power to command peace in chaos)
 16. (Jesus gives peace, the opposite of peace would be being troubled or afraid, this peace is true peace and not what the world offers up as a cheap substitute for peace that doesn't last)
 17. (if we are justified [counted righteous] through belief in Jesus [faith] we have peace with God, before being saved we do not have peace with God [why? His wrath is upon us], Jesus brings peace)
 18. (we want to be at peace with all people, sometimes it is out of our control [as far as it depends on you])
 19. (peace is the opposite of confusion)
 20. (peace grows in us only by the power of the Holy Spirit, this means we must be saved [and therefore have the Spirit in us] in order to grow in peace)
 21. (peace is the opposite of anxiety, peace comes to us through prayer, peace is given by God, peace guards our hearts and minds)
 22. (peace is Jesus' to gives, we must let peace into our hearts, peace is something we want to rule in our hearts)
 23. (we must work to have peace with others, we want to be at peace with everyone, we will ultimately not have peace with everyone but we must strive for it)
1. (peace)
 2. (God/Jesus)
 3. (hate, fear, war, disaster, trouble, confusion, anxiety)

4. (Jesus)
5. (Bible, prayer, and Holy Spirit)
6. (everyone [including God])

- How do we get freedom from God's wrath? (faith in Jesus Christ [can expound], God is at war with sin and anyone under its reign. When we don't believe [have peace] with God we are in a state of war against him)

- What kinds of attitudes or emotions might we feel if we are having "inner turmoil"? (several of the things listed above>fear, anxiety, confusion, hate, anger, distress)

- What might hate-filled relationships look like? (slander/name-calling, anger/bitterness towards someone, gossip, physical violence, holding a grudge, jealousy/rivalries, dissension/divisions, etc.)

- Is our culture marked by peace or lack thereof? In what ways is this so? (no peace, generally do not believe in Jesus so no peace with God, our world is a very anxious/confused/fearful/distressed world [the rates of drug [legal and illegal] use and abuse/suicide illustrate this], the hate that people have for one another is continuing to grow [illustrated in our country by racial/ideological/political divisions])

- Why is peace important? (Most importantly it means we do not have God's just wrath coming our way. Peace signifies the most important reality in the universe, that Jesus Christ died to save sinners. Peace is also important because it is a reflection of our trust in God to take care of all the things we might be worried about. We trust him to handle and protect us from what might make us anxious or afraid. We trust him to give justice to all those who have hurt us in relationships. [Romans 14:19-21, vengeance is the Lord's, do not repay evil for evil]. Peace is an amazing reality when we have it and God wants us to have it. He wants us to be able to "lie down and sleep" and to have "nothing that can make us stumble". He wants us to not be anxious [being anxious stinks!] and to not have terrible relationships with people [which also stink!]. God loves us so much and the fact that he wants us to have peace signifies this. He wants us to feel an inner calm/stillness even when our life circumstances are difficult.)