

“Love and Peace in the Church” (1 Thessalonians 5:12–15)

Introduction

1 Thessalonians 4:1, 9–12; 5:11

Big Idea: Love and peace require all Christians to bless their shepherds and each other.

- I. Gratefully know and lovingly esteem your shepherds. (verses 12–13a)

1 Timothy 5:17; Acts 20:17–21, 25–32; Colossians 1:24–29

- a. Do this because of their hard work among you.

Luke 5:4–11; 1 Corinthians 15:9–11; 16:15–18; Galatians 4:8–11; 1 Timothy 5:17–18; 2 Timothy 2:1–6

- b. Do this because of their responsible position over you.

- c. Do this because of their pointed instruction to you.

- II. Maintain wholesome peace among yourselves. (verses 13b–15)

- a. Admonish the unruly. (verse 14a)

Romans 15:14–16; Colossians 3:15–16

- b. Encourage the fainthearted. (verse 14b)

- c. Assist the weak. (verse 14c)

- d. Suffer long with everyone. (verse 14d)

- e. Shun retaliation and pursue everyone’s benefit. (verse 15)

Conclusion

Ephesians 4:10–16