

Romans 12:19-21

Peaceably, pt. 2

KSN [avenge, evil / coal, pay, mercy]

Peace with God – v. 1-2,11-12

- v. 1 – *living a sacrificial life of worship*
- v. 2 – *transformed by the Word, not world*
- v. 11 – *serve the Lord with fervent zeal*
- v. 12 – *rejoice, persevere, pray*

Peace with Brothers – v. 3-10,15-16

- v. 3-5 – *doing our part within the Body of Christ*
- v. 6-8 – *appreciating the service of others*
- v. 9-10 – *genuine, brotherly affection & honor*
- v. 13 – *meeting needs, showing hospitality*
- v. 15-16 – *sympathy and harmony*

Peace with Enemies – v. 14,17-21 Four Peaceable Responses

- 1) **Bless, Not Curse – v. 14**
- 2) **Restore, not Repay – v. 17-18**

- 3) **Be Good, not God – v. 19-20**

- a) Define Avenge / Vengeance

- Revelation 6:9-10
- Revelation 19:1-2

- b) Never Avenge Yourself

- Genesis 50:19,21

- c) Do Good to Your Enemy

19 – Never avenge self, leave it to the wrath of God
FOR >> *Vengeance is mine, I will repay* (Deut 32:35)

BUT

20 – If enemy hungry / thirsty, give him something
FOR >> *You will heap burning coals on his head* (Prov 25:21-22)

- d) Jesus' Vengeance on our Enemies Motivates our Love for Enemies

1. Confidence
2. Compassion

- 4) **Resist, Don't Revert – v. 21**

Praxis

1. What are small ways we are tempted to personally 'enact justice' on one who does us wrong? What should we rather do?
2. How can actively remembering God's impending judgment in the last day move us to love enemies in the present day?
3. Consider the close connection between 12:19 and 13:1-5... What challenges do these statements give the Christian citizen existing in our present form of government?