

Romans 12:14,17-21

Peaceably

KSN [peace, evil / eye, feet, hand]

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**A) Three Key Words**

- 1) Peace – Rom 8:6
- 2) Enemy – Rom 8:7
- 3) Live Peaceably – Mark 9:50, Rom 14:17, 2 Cor 13:11, 1 Thess 5:13, 1 Tim 2:2, Heb 12:14, James 3:18

B) Four Peaceable Responses

- 1) Bless, Not Curse – v. 14
 - a) Curse
 - b) Bless
 - Pray – Matt 5:44, Luke 23:34, Acts 7:60
 - Pursue – Acts 2:36-40,3:23, 1 Cor 4:13, 2 Cor 5:19-20
- 2) Restore, not Repay – v. 17-18
 - a) Not Repay – v. 17
 - 1 Sam 24, 1 Peter 2:12, 15, 3:15b-16, Matt 5:17
 - b) Restore – v. 18
 - c) But what about...?

Praxis

1. Recall a time when someone returned good for your evil... Should this be rare among us?
2. What hurdles / objections might or are lodged against responding to evil this way? How does Scripture speak to those objections?
3. Consider an unbeliever who has done you wrong as of late (whether in a small way or great)? What good can you do for them this week?
4. Thought Question: Why do you think v. 15-16 were inserted into this section on responding to those who do us evil?