

Christ Our Peace

Ephesians 2:13-18

Introduction

A tragic lack of historical understanding leads to a confused, misinformed message that solves nothing.

What we face today is not an issue over racial injustice.

It is the advancement of an *ideology*.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

This is a new religion – a *false* religion, which is idolatry.

False religions are unappeasable because there is no gospel of reconciliation.

Psalms 120:6-7

I. The real ‘systemic’ race problem: the total depravity of the human race.

Romans 3:14-18

“Transgression speaks to the wicked deep in his heart; there is no fear of God before his eyes.” Psalm 36:1

“by the fear of the Lord one turns away from evil.” Proverbs 16:6

Isaiah 5:20-23

Romans 1:18-19

Romans 1:24-32

In a world populated with sinners and filled with conflict...

II. True peace can come only one way – through *reconciliation*.

Reconciliation brings the *restoration* of a relationship that had been estranged by some offense, real or imagined.

Colossians 1:20

Romans 5:1

2 Corinthians 5:18

III. True peace cannot be achieved in the absence of Truth.

“Peace without truth is a false peace; it is the very peace of the devil.” J.C. Ryle

“I said in my alarm, ‘All mankind are liars.’” Psalm 116:11

Where can the truth be found?

“Let God be true though everyone were a liar” Romans 3:4

“Your Word is truth.” John 17:17

This is not about race or privilege or politics. It is about a deliberate abandonment of God.

Micah 5:4-5

Matthew 5:17

Colossians 2:13-14

IV. True peace will only come through the *Prince of Peace*, Jesus Christ:

Jesus Christ is the “Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:6

Nothing in this world can bring peace except the Prince of Peace Jesus Christ.

John 14:27

John 16:33

The Author of our salvation, Jesus Christ, calls us to live in peace:

Psalm 34:11-14

But how?

“If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.” Romans 12:18

“Peace if possible, truth at all costs.” Martin Luther

Hebrews 12:14

2 Corinthians 13:11

Galatians 3:27-28. This is true equality, achieved only in Christ!

Benediction

Hebrews 13:20-21

2 Thessalonians 3:16