

“THE GOD OF PEACE MATTERS, PART 1”

Romans 15:14-33

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I. Why do we need the God of Peace? (vv. 33)

Genesis 1 → Genesis 3

63 BC

49 AD → 51 AD

senators, equestrians, Decurians

Respectable People (10%), Poor ⇔ Destitute

Well _____ people can find themselves in _____.

Genesis 1-3

Acts. 18:1-3

Romans 16:3-4

“Gospel unity across every divide and disagreement is what God has always been working toward.”

-Tim Keller

II. How did/does the God of peace work to re-establish peace? (vv. 14-24)

“to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles”

“the Gentiles may be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit”.

“to bring the Gentiles to obedience”: faith → obedience

“Jerusalem all the way... to Illyricum”

The God of peace makes peace thru the _____ of Christ _____.

Matthew 5:9
Acts 9:15-16
Romans 1:5-6

"His emphasis is on obedience, presumably because it is the indispensable consequence of saving faith, and is a vital ingredient of Christian discipleship"

-John Stott

III. How does the God of peace want you to work toward peace? (vv. 18-19, 25-33)

"going to Jerusalem bringing aid to the saints" from "Macedonia and Achaia"

"word and deed"

"by our Lord Jesus... by the love of the Spirit" to pray "to God."

The God of peace calls you to do _____ & _____ for peace.

Psalms 133:1
Acts 2:22; 21:20-28
2 Corinthians. 8:1-2
Ephesians 6:18
Titus 2:14

"The love of the Spirit is that by which Christ joins us together; for it is not that of the flesh, nor of the world, but is from his Spirit, who is the bond of our unity."

-John Calvin

"We are not only to tell people the gospel, but to embody it in our attitudes and relationships."

-Tim Keller

BIG IDEA: