



The Price of Our Peace Has Already Been Paid!

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Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:1,6,8

Do you like peace and quiet? If you have a little brother or sister, or a new baby in the house, you know exactly what I mean. You probably love it when everyone is calm and happy, right? But sometimes it feels impossible. Little siblings whine. Babies cry. And suddenly it seems like peace and quiet will never come back!

Jesus promises peace too—but not just quiet in your house. He promises peace with God—and that’s even more important. Here’s why: God is holy and perfect, and we are not perfect. The Bible says we are enemies of God because of our sins. Normally, enemies try to get peace by fighting until one side wins. But that’s not how we get peace with God.

Paul explains it like this: “Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ” (Romans 5:1). “Justified” is a big Bible word that simply means: God says, “You’re not guilty!” He says we are not enemies anymore, no matter what wrongs we’ve done.

Think about your siblings for a minute. How do you try to make peace with them? Give them a snack if they’re hungry? Give them a toy if they’re bored? Let them take a nap if they need it? Sometimes that works. But sometimes it doesn’t! They might still cry, still fight, or still be unhappy.

Jesus didn’t leave peace up to chance. He wanted to guarantee it for us. Paul says: “At just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly” (Romans 5:6). Even though we deserved the punishment, Jesus took it for us. He defeated the real enemies: sin, death, and the devil. Because Jesus won, peace with God is now ours—forever! That’s why he’s called the “Prince of Peace!”

Questions to Consider

- How does it feel when two people aren’t getting along?
- The Bible says that Christ died for the “ungodly.” Who does that include? (Hint: it means everyone!)
- Why can’t anyone earn peace with God on their own?
- The Bible often says “grace and peace” together. Why do you think that is?
- Can you think of a Bible story that you think does a good job of showing what real peace looks like? (Helps: Jesus calms a storm, Jesus’ birth—“peace on earth”, after his resurrection, Jesus greets frightened disciples, “Peace be with you.”)
- During Lent, we remember that Jesus paid the price for our peace. How does thinking about that help us appreciate Jesus more?