

Peace with God

1. Read Genesis 3:6-24
Do you think the garden was a place of peace between God and man? Do you think it was to be and represent the place of fellowship between God and man?
What did Adam and Eve do when they heard God coming into the garden after they had disobeyed Him?
What had gone between them and the Lord? What was the state of their hearts?
What did God do with Adam and Eve as far as the garden was concerned?
What did God set between the serpent and the seed of man?
Does this still continue? Who do you think the seed of the woman who should bruise the serpent's head is?
2. Read Colossians 1:19-22
Who made peace by the blood of His cross? Who is the peace between?
What were we in our minds before the peace came?
Where did the reconciliation take place?
3. Read Leviticus 3:1-11 & 4:27-35 & 6:1-7 - to read of the sorts of offerings necessary in the old covenant to bring peace between God and man.
Read Genesis 9:4 What was in the blood?
Do the sacrifices of the animals mean that a life has been given instead of the life of the person who has sinned?
Is that why Jesus' life was given instead of us?
Read John 1:29 Whose sin does God's lamb take away?
4. Read Leviticus 16:1-20
Where did the high priest take the blood to make atonement?
Were they looking for mercy at the mercy seat? Did they find mercy?
5. Read Romans 3:21-26, 5:1-2, Hebrews 9:6-14, & 1 John 2:1-2.
(the word propitiation means mercy seat)
Can you see how Jesus' blood makes peace with God for us?
Can you see how He entered heaven by His own blood and made peace with God in the same way the old testament priest entered into the holy peace in the tabernacle?
Is this why our consciences can be washed clean of all that is past?
Is this what happens when we are justified by faith in Christ?
Do you have this sort of peace with God?
6. Read Ephesians 2:13-22
Who is our peace? Who was Jesus reconciling us to?
Is there any difference between Jew and Gentile?
What did Jesus come preaching? Who do we now have access to?
Is this how we can now be part of God's building the church?
7. Read Romans 8:1-11
What are we to have our minds on? Who should we let control our lives?
What is the carnal mind? What is it to be spiritually minded?
What makes us not in the flesh but in the spirit? (vs10)
8. Read Matthew 10:34-38
Has Jesus come necessarily to bring peace between men?
What should our response be to the call of God?