Step 1, October 13, 2019

**The Most Important Consideration of Peace**

I. The World’s View of PEACE is missing the important PIECE.

A. Absence is the most common denominator in many concepts of peace.

1. Absence of pain, problems and money issues.

B. The secret of Biblical Peace: Luke 24:36

1. Peace is a Person

2. Paul’s writings corroborate this truth: Ephesians 2:14

II. The Peace of Christ connects with the Power of Christ.

A. Mary and Martha learned this concept following their brother’s death:

John 11:25

B. The Concept of Peace is in sync with Jesus’ Concept of Truth: John 1:1

C. The Power of Christ: Matthew 28:18

Step 2, October 20, 2019

**The Potential of Biblical Peace**

I. PERSON OF PEACE

A. We Must be Believers and Receivers

B. Colossians 1:27; Ephesians 2:14

II. POWER OF PEACE

A. Power of Peace Equates with Christ Power

B. Colossians 1:15-26

III. PROBLEM OF PEACE

A. Jesus’s Purpose of Peace Does Not Always Please

B. Luke 12:49ff

Step 3, October 27, 2019

**The Price of Peace**

I. Our Peace Has Been Paid in Blood-Romans 3:25

A. Day of Atonement Leviticus 16:18-19

B. Final Day of Atonement 1 Peter 1:18-21

II. Jesus’s Atonement Redirects the Longest War

A. The Effect of the Treaty Romans 5:1-2

B. The Terms of the Treaty Romans 5:3-7

III. Gods Eternal Plan Brings Us Peace- Isaiah 53

A. It Has Always Been in Place

B. Peace Came at a Price

Step 4, November 3, 2019

**The Preaching of Peace**

I. The Contradiction When Peace is Preached

A. The Necessary Question: Romans 6:1

B. The Problem of Not Asking the Right Question: Romans 6:2

II. The Answer to the Dilemma is Baptism: Romans 6:1-3

A. More Than Water

B. Baptismal Vows Contain Two Steps

C. Freedom is Redefined: Romans 6:7

D. Baptism Requires a Reckoning: Romans 6:10

III. Peace Comes with Surrender: Romans 6:19

A. Biblical Peace is Natural, not Unnatural

B. Result of Surrender is Victory: Romans 6:22

Step 5, November 10, 2019

**The Picture of Inner Peace**

I. The New Testament ’s Picture of Inner Peace is surprising.

A. Jesus warns: His peace is not as the world gives: Luke 12:40 ff.

B. Paul portrays the realities of inner conflict for the believer: Romans 7

II. Inner Conflict, according to Paul, is the norm: Galatians 5:16-18

A. Absence of inner conflict makes our spiritual experience suspect: Romans 8:9

B. The law of “The Spirit of Life” can set us free from the inner conflict. Romans 8:3 ff

III. An illustration is offered in an airplane flight.

A. The machines successfully carry thousands of people from point A to point B.

B. They are free from the laws of gravity; but they did not turn it off.

Step 6, November 17, 2019

**Peace Protects**

1. The Posture of Peace Phil 4: 4 - 6
   1. Worship
   2. Discipline
   3. Faith
   4. Choice
      * 1. Prayer
        2. Thanksgiving
2. The Promise of Peace Phil 4: 4 - 6
   1. Peace Guards
   2. Beyond Our Understanding ( A Peace that doesn’t make good sense)
3. The Peace Needs to be Maintained Phil 4: 8 - 9
   1. What our Mind Dwells On
   2. How We Conduct Our Lives