

WEEK 4: Peace (*Eirēnē*)

*Walk by the Spirit... The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, **peace**, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. (Galatians 5:16, 22-23)*

[THINK: What is world peace? Why do we desire peace?]

[EXPLORE: Luke 11:21]

[DISCUSS: Semantic Range]

Joshua 8:31	<i>"uncut"</i> stones	Proverbs 16:7	Peace with enemies
Nehemiah 6:15	<i>"finished"</i> wall	Isaiah 9:5-6	Prince of Peace
Job 5:24	<i>"secure"</i> tent	Romans 5:1	"Peace I leave with you"
1 Samuel 17:18	<i>"welfare"</i> of brothers	Ephesians 2:14-15	Peace with God
1 Kings 9:25	<i>"finished"</i> wall	Colossians 1:19-20	"Peace by blood of cross"
Exodus 22:4	<i>"restore"</i> taken things		

The basic meaning of *peace* in Hebrew or Greek is COMPLETE or WHOLE.

"[Peace] is not just the absence of conflict. True peace requires taking what's broken and restoring it to wholeness, whether it's in our lives, in our relationships, or in our world."

[THINK: Doesn't everyone want one peace?]

Matthew 10:5-15

Matthew 10:34-39

"... and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" (Luke 2:14).

John 16:31-33

Acts 10: 34-36

Q: What might it look like to be a blessed peacemaker (Matt. 5:9; Col. 1:20)?

SUMMARY:

- Peace often refers to the absence of war, but it also refers to the presence of wholeness.
- Culturally not all discussions of "peace" refer to the wholeness found in Jesus.
- Sometimes God brings division and even war to lead His people to true peace in Him.