

PEACE WITH GOD

During my 2013 Christmas STUDY, I couldn't get away from the hymn sung by the angelic military choir at the birth of Jesus Christ, **Gloria in Excelesis Deo** (Luke 2:13-14). There was one line that captured my interest, "And **on earth peace** among men with whom He is pleased." (Luke 2:14)

"Peace among men with whom He is pleased" became the Christian doctrine of **Peace with God**.

(Rom.5:1) "Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have **peace with God** through the Lord Jesus Christ."

Peace with God is 1 of 50 things **FREE** every person receives in the package of grace salvation through faith in the gospel of Jesus Christ (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9; **Rom.5:1**).

In the package of 50 things, Peace with God is also 1 of the 9 factors of communion through the blood of Christ in Eucharist cup – "**This cup is the new covenant in My blood**." (1 Cor.11:25)

(Col.1:20) "And through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made **peace through the blood of His cross**; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven."

<p>This lesson will study <u>four aspects</u> of the doctrine of Peace with God.</p>

1. All three members of the Godhead are engaged in producing Peace with God.

God, the Father:

(Heb.13:20) "Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord." (Rom.15:33; 2 Cor.13:11)

(1 Thess.5:23) "Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

God, the Son:

(Rom.5:1) "But now in Christ Jesus your who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ, for **He Himself is our peace**, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall." (Eph.2:13-14; John 14:27)

God, Holy Spirit:

(Rom.14:17) "For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and **peace and joy in the Holy Spirit**." (Rom.15:13)

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

2. All members of the human race are estranged from peace with God because of Adam's Original Sin (AOS) (Eph.2:13-17).

Thirteen (13) judicial charges of AOS are imputed to every member of the human race at physical birth (Rom.5:12-21; 1 Cor.15:22).

(Col.1:20-22) “And through Him to **reconcile** all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of the cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven. And although **you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds**, yet He has **now reconciled** you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach.” (Rom.5:10) [Enmity]

3. Reconciled by the Justice of God through the blood of Jesus Christ removes the barrier of AOS and replaces it with Peace with God (Col.1:20-22; 2 Cor.5:17-21).

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is called the Gospel of Peace (Eph.6:15; Rom.10:15; Eph.2:16-17).

Peace with God is linked to other gifts of Grace Salvation.

- Peace and love (2 Cor.13:11)
- Peace and joy and hope (Rom.15:13)
- Peace and Life (Rom.8:6-7)
- Peace and mercy (Jude 2)
- Peace and grace (Phil.1:2; Rom.1:7)

4. There is no peace with God apart from faith in the Gospel of Jesus Christ (Luke 2:14).

The unbeliever remains under the 13 judicial charges of AOS:

(John 3:18) “He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has **not believed** in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”

The 13 judicial charges of AOS are removed forever from the one who believes the gospel of grace salvation.

(John 3:36) “He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he **who does not obey** the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”

(Rom.8:1) “Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”

(Rom.8:16) “The gift is not like that which came **through the one sinned**; for on the one hand the judgment arose from one transgression resulting in condemnation, but on the other hand the **free gift** arose from many transgressions result in justification.” (Gen.2:17)

(Rom.5:1)

“Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”