

**THE THINGS THAT MAKE FOR PEACE
ROMANS 14:19**

INTRODUCTION:

1. We are encouraged to be at peace with one another. (Mark 9.50; 1 Thess. 5.13; 2 Tim. 2.22; Heb. 12.14; 1 Pet. 3.11)
2. Peace is not something that happens. It is something that is made. We must pursue it. (Rom. 14.19; Matt. 5.9)

I. RESPECT DIFFERENCES OF OPINION

- A. **ROMANS 14.1:** *“Receive one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things.”* Literally, opinions.
1. The church in Rome consisted of both Jews and Gentiles who each held different opinions. (Rom. 14.2,5,14)
 2. Do you take your opinions and make them a matter of doctrine? Do you treat doctrines as opinions?
- B. What are opinions?
1. Opinions come from thinking thoroughly. (Rom. 14.1)
 2. Opinions separate us. (Rom. 14.2)
 3. Opinions don't matter to God. (Rom. 14.3)
 4. Opinions are personal beliefs. (Rom. 14.5,22)

II. REMEMBER THAT YOU WILL BE JUDGED

- A. **ROMANS 14.10:** *“For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.”* Notice, “all” (vs. 11,12)
- B. **ROMANS 14.13:** *“Therefore let us not judge one another anymore.”*

III. WALK IN LOVE

- A. **ROMANS 14.13:** *“but rather resolve this...”*
1. Since I will be judged by the way I treat other, I need to stop putting the soul of my brother in jeopardy. (v. 13)
 2. If I ridicule another for their opinion and putting their soul in jeopardy, I am not walking in love. (vs. 14,15)
- B. We are to walk in love. (Eph. 5.1,2)

CONCLUSION: Together we can reach our eternal home.

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-Mark 16.15

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MEETING TIMES:

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS : 9:00 AM
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP: 9:50 AM
SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP: 6:00 PM
WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS 7:30 PM

JESUS IS THE SAME TODAY

At the end of the book of Hebrews is an expression commonly misunderstood. The author of Hebrews writes, *“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever”* (Heb. 13.8). Contextually, the book of Hebrews was written to encourage Jewish Christians who were thinking about going back to Judaism. The writer is making the point that whether you are looking back at the Law and the prophets, looking at the present time, or thinking about the future, it is always about Jesus.

Let's give some thought to the idea that Jesus is the same today. In 1 Peter 1.10-12, reference is made to prophets who foretold of a Messiah but had no idea to whom the blessings of salvation would be given. In verse 12, Peter writes that these prophets *“were ministering which now have been reported to you by those who have preached the gospel”* (1 Pet. 1.12). In other words, what had been prophesied is now relevant today.

It is not uncommon for the world to see the Bible as antiquated. Christians holding to the moral principles of the Bible are considered old fashioned. However, the Bible tells us that the problem of sin is not limited to one generation or another. Even today, man is lost in sin. The solution that was set forth two thousand years ago is the same solution today. CLP

WHEN YOU ARE MISTREATED

MARK 15:3

INTRODUCTION:

1. The death of Jesus is one of the most significant events in human history. (Rom. 5.8; Matt. 26.28)
2. Because of our stand for the truth, we are not going to be liked by this world. (Matt. 5.11,12; 1 Pet. 4.4; John 15.20)
3. Jesus leaves us an example of how to respond to those who mistreat and abuse us.

I. WHEN JESUS WAS MISTREATED

- A. Jesus knew that He was going to be abused and mistreated.
 1. Jesus predicted His betrayal and death. (Mark 10.33,34)
 2. Mark 15 begins with the fulfillment of His prediction.
- B. Consider what Jesus endured the day of His death.
 1. Mark 15:1-5: Accusations. (Mark 15:3; Luke 23.1,2)
 2. Mark 15.6-15: Denial. (Mark 15.12,13; Acts 5:13,14)
 3. Mark 15.16-20: Derision. (Mark 15.17,18)
 4. Mark 15.21-32: Inscription. (Mark 15.25,26)
 5. Mark 15.33-41: Crucifixion. (Mark 15.37)
 6. Mark 15.42-47: Culmination. (John 19.30)

II. WHEN YOU ARE MISTREATED

- A. In the context of 1 Peter, Jesus is set forth as an example, so we can know how to respond to suffering. (1 Pet. 2.21-23)
 1. This is a book written to the mistreated. (1 Pet. 1.1)
 2. 1 Peter 2 emphasizes how to react. (1 Pet. 2.12,18,19)
 3. **1 PETER 2.20:** *“For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example”*
- B. When I am being mistreated, I am to say nothing.
 1. **1 PETER 2.22,23:** *“did not revile in return”*
 2. Jesus *“answered nothing”* (Mark 15.3-5).
 3. Responding to being hurt, we may say something we will later regret. (Acts 23.3)
- C. When I am being mistreated, I need to trust God to handle it.
 1. **1 PETER 2.23:** *“committed Himself to Him who judges righteously.”* God will be the judge.
 2. Though we want to defend ourselves, it is better to leave it in the hands of God. (Rom. 12.19,20; 2 Thess. 1.6-9)

CONCLUSION: Our reaction? Love and forgive. (Luke 23.34)

REMEMBER GOD WHEN YOU ARE YOUNG

As Solomon reflected back on his life to discover what made life worthwhile, he turned his attention to the young. To them he says, *“Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, before the difficult days come”* (Ecc. 12.1). He then describes these difficult days of the aged.

ECCLESIASTES 12.1-3: *“And the years draw near when you say, ‘I have no pleasure in them.’”* Life is not as fun when you are older. There are things that you used to be able to do. Now, because of age, you can’t do them. In verses 2,3, reference is made to the body including the skeletal structure, the muscles, and joints that do not work as well as they once did. Those who are young are in the prime of their lives. They have strength and stamina. However, as we get older, *“the strong men bow down”* (Ecc. 12.3). You are strong now, but the time is going to come when you will eventually begin to stoop and hunch over under the heaven burden of your own shoulders. He mentions a time *“when the grinders cease because they are few”* (Ecc. 12.3). This means that you lose your teeth. Now you have dentures, bridges, or implants.

ECCLESIASTES 12.4-6: *“When the doors are shut in the streets, and the sound of grinding is low...”* He refers to rising to the sound of a bird meaning you don’t sleep as deeply as you used to sleep. He refers to the sound and music being low. In other words, you don’t hear as well as you once did. You are afraid of height because you are no longer as steady as before. When you were young, you felt invincible, but not there is *“terror in the way”* (v. 5). Reference is made of “tree blossoms” referring to gray hair. In verse 6, he says, *“Remember your Creator before the silver cord is loosed.”* Not only are we to remember God when we are young, but we are to also remember Him before the day of our death.

To those who are young, you have your whole life in front of you. The next 50, 60, or 70 years goes by fast. Solomon is asking you to remember God now. Think of God right now while you are in the best days of your life. Spend the best days of your life thinking about Him. How do you remember God in youth? While you are young, *“be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity”* (1 Tim. 4.12). Show your brethren and the world around you an example of how to live your life as a Christian.

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