



CrossWalk NOTES

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The Pathway to Peace

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¹²Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

¹⁵Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

¹⁸Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. ¹⁹Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them. ²⁰Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. ²¹Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged. (Colossians 3:12-21, NIV)

True peace in our lives is _____.

¹⁰"Because they lead my people astray, saying, "Peace," when there is no peace, and because, when a flimsy wall is built, they cover it with whitewash, ¹¹therefore tell those who cover it with whitewash that it is going to fall. (Ezekiel 13:10-11, NIV)

1. We struggle to find a _____ to peace in our lives.

- Compassion — to show _____ to those in need or who are suffering or in distress

- Kindness — to _____ others in any possible way without expecting payback
- Humility — to put the _____ of others before those of yourself
- Gentleness — to _____ to suffer injury rather than inflict it
- Patience — to possess a _____ to suffer without grudge-holding or vengeance
- Forgiveness — to immediately _____ of things that we could hold against a neighbor
- Love — to _____ in conscious, purposeful giving to the unloving or unlovable

2. The pathway to peace is to _____ Godly virtues.

¹⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing... ¹²My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. (John 15:5, 12, NIV)

3. The _____ to this pathway is the love of Jesus Christ.

³¹So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. (1 Corinthians 10:31, NIV)

4. This pathway _____ right through our daily lives.

My next steps in the "Cross-Walk":

- Stop whitewashing flimsy walls. Walk with Jesus for true peace in your life. Listen to Jesus' voice in the Bible.
- Put on and walk in Godly virtues. God promises to bless our sincere attempts to walk in his will in our daily lives.
- Meditate on and memorize Colossians 3:15.