

“Living Peaceably With All Men”

Lesson Text: **Romans 12:17-18.**

I. What Is Living Peaceably?

A. Living in a peaceful way??

1. First, What is peace?

eireneuo (εἰρηνεύω, 1514), primarily, “to bring to peace, reconcile,” denotes in the NT, “to keep peace or to be at peace”: in Mark 9:50, rv, the Lord bids the disciples “be at peace” with one another, gently rebuking their ambitious desires; in Rom. 12:18 (rv, “be at peace,” kjv, “live peaceably”) the limitation “if it be possible, as much as in you lieth,” seems due to the phrase “with all men,” but is not intended to excuse any evasion of the obligation imposed by the command;”

Vine’s Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words (Vol. 2, p. 464).

B. Peace (Webster)

1 a state of tranquility or quiet:

a freedom from civil disturbance.

b a state of security or order within a community provided for by law or custom.

2 freedom from disquieting or oppressive thoughts or emotions.

3 harmony in personal relations.

C. Where Do We Need To Have Peace?

1. The World- John 16:33. **2. The Home-** 1 Peter 3:7. **3. The Church-** Acts 9:31.

II. How To Live Peaceably With All Men.

- Be Willing To Follow God’s Way of Peace- **James 3:13-18.**
- Recognize The Sin of Failing To “Live Peaceably.” **James 3:14-16.**
- First, Be At Peace With Yourself- **Luke 10:5-6; Isaiah 48:22.**
- Eliminate Whatever Behaviors That Destroy Peace-
Proverbs 6:19; 10:12; 15:18; 17:19; 22:10; 26:20-21; 28:25.
- Pursue Peace with all men- **Romans 14:19-20; Hebrews 12:14.**
- Be Willing To Let Go Of The Past & Forgive- **Philippians 3:13; Eph. 4:32.**
- Do Whatever It Takes To Have Peace- **Luke 6:29-30; Acts 22:15-26.**
- Sometimes Separations Must Occur- **Genesis 13:7-11; Acts 15:36-41.**
- Do Good To & Pray For Others- **Romans 12:19-21.**

Conclusion: **2 Corinthians 13:11.**