

Words to Remember

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Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

John 14:27 (NRSV)



There is Peace in Jesus

Ephesians 2:11-22

What does it mean to **behave as if you believe there is peace in Jesus**? How should that knowledge inform our relationships? Would we rather live with barriers erected between us and others? Or do we allow the peace that Jesus brings to intervene in our lives and break down the walls we build? In times of conflict, look to Jesus!

Behave as if you believe...

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In an age of anxiety and open hostility, God invites us to see our world through the eyes of Jesus, trusting God and living in respectful relationships.

Ephesians 2:11-22; John 14:27

¹³ But now you have been united with Christ Jesus. Once you were far away from God, but now you have been brought near to him through the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For Christ himself has brought peace to us. He united Jews and Gentiles into one people when, in his own body on the cross, he broke down the wall of hostility that separated us. ...

¹⁷ He brought this Good News of peace to you Gentiles who were far away from him, and peace to the Jews who were near. ¹⁸ Now all of us can come to the Father through the same Holy Spirit because of what Christ has done for us.

– Ephesians 2:13-14, 17-18 (NLT)

“We want American Christians to know that Islam is a religion of peace. At its heart Islam worships the God of peace and Muslims desire peace for all. We respect all religions. We admire America’s freedom of religion. Muslims are not the violent fanatics so often pictured in American media.”

– Bishop Gerald Mansholt, quoting a Palestinian Muslim

¹⁹ So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God’s holy people. You are members of God’s family. ²⁰ Together, we are his house ... And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself. .

– Ephesians 2:19–20 (NLT)

Make us worthy, Lord
To serve others throughout the world
Who live and die
In poverty or hunger,
Give them, through our hands, this day their
daily bread,
And by our understanding love,
Give peace and joy.

- Mother Teresa

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