

The Fruit of the Spirit: Peace and Patience

September 1 – 4, 2024

Peace: Sunday, September 1

2 Thessalonians 3: 16

- Describe the significance of Paul referring to God as the “Lord of Peace”. What does this title indicate about God’s character, and how does God demonstrate this attribute toward us?
- As God gives us peace, what does He expect us to do to receive the peace that he offers? How can we be good stewards of the peace that God provides? (*Psalm 119: 165; Isaiah 26: 2 – 3*)

John 14: 25 – 27

- From **verses 25 & 26**, what promise does Jesus make to his apostles? How does this promise relate to the statement that He makes in **verse 27** regarding the peace that He was leaving with them? (*Romans 15: 13*)
- In **verse 27**, how does Jesus differentiate the peace that He will give from the peace that the world seeks? What is the outcome of the peace that Jesus gives? (*Philippians 4: 6 – 7*)

Romans 12: 17 – 19

- How should we act as a result of the peace that God shares with us? What is the intended outcome of our willingness and ability to be peaceful toward others? (*Matthew 5: 9*)

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- From **verse 18**, what is the significance of Paul beginning his statement with the phrase, “If it is possible, as much as depends on you...”? What does this phrase indicate about our ability to be peaceful towards others?

Patience: Wednesday, September 4

Psalm 86: 15

- Consider the benefit of the fact that God is patient / longsuffering.
(*2 Peter 3: 14 – 15*)
- Explain how all of the attributes listed in David’s description of God compliment one another. What does this description teach us about God’s character, and how can we imitate these qualities?

2 Peter 3: 9

- How does Peter describe the purpose of God’s patience / longsuffering?
- How should we respond to God’s patience, given our understanding of its purpose? How can we misapply or abuse God’s patience? (*Romans 2: 3 – 4*)

James 1: 2 – 4

- How can we be joyful when we experience hardships and suffering? What is the benefit of our willingness and ability to persevere through difficult situations?
- According to **verse 4**, what is the outcome of the patience that we acquire through our endurance when facing hardships? (*James 5: 7 – 8*)