

A scenic landscape featuring a large mountain range under a blue and orange sky, with a misty valley and a lake in the foreground. The mountains are rugged and rocky, with some snow patches. The sky is a mix of light blue and warm orange, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The foreground shows a calm lake reflecting the sky, with a line of trees and a misty valley in the middle ground.

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT
Mt. 5:9

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Review

Several weeks ago, we began the exegesis of this great sermon preached by the Lord Jesus Christ.

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Introduction

Tonight, we continue studying this great sermon, “The Sermon on the Mount,” focusing upon verse 9.

❖ Note the progression of the *Beatitudes* that we have studied thus far:



Mt. 5:3 Blessed *are* the **poor in spirit**: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 Blessed *are* they that **mourn**: for they shall be comforted.

5 Blessed *are* **the meek**: for they shall inherit the earth.

6 Blessed *are* they which **do hunger and thirst after righteousness**: for they shall be filled.

7 Blessed *are* the **merciful**: for they shall **obtain mercy**.

8 Blessed *are* the **pure in heart**: for they shall see God.

9 Blessed *are* the **peacemakers**: for they shall be called the children of God.

- With Mt. 5:6 as a pivotal point, consider how the first three *Beatitudes* compare with the last three:

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- These six *Beatitudes* have too much in common to be coincidences.

the **poor in spirit** = the **merciful**:

they that **mourn** = the **pure in heart**

the **meek** = the **peacemakers**:

- Tonight, we will place our focus upon verse 9:

c. When Facing Conflict, 5:9

Mt. 5: 9 Blessed *are* the **peacemakers**: for they shall be called the children of God.

- The need of *peacemakers* verifies that the world is indeed at variance with God and man.

Jer. 17:9 **The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked:** who can know it?

1 Jn. 5:19 *And we know that we are of God, and **the whole world lieth in wickedness.***

Prov. 12:20 **Deceit is in the heart** of them that imagine evil: **but to the counsellors of peace is joy.**


- The world needs the peace that only Christ can give:

Jn. 14:27 **Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth**, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

- The concern for “peace” is in the beginning of Paul’s epistles:

Rom. 1:7 To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called *to be* saints: Grace to you and **peace** from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Cor. 1:3 Grace *be* unto you, and **peace**, from God our Father, and *from* the Lord Jesus Christ.



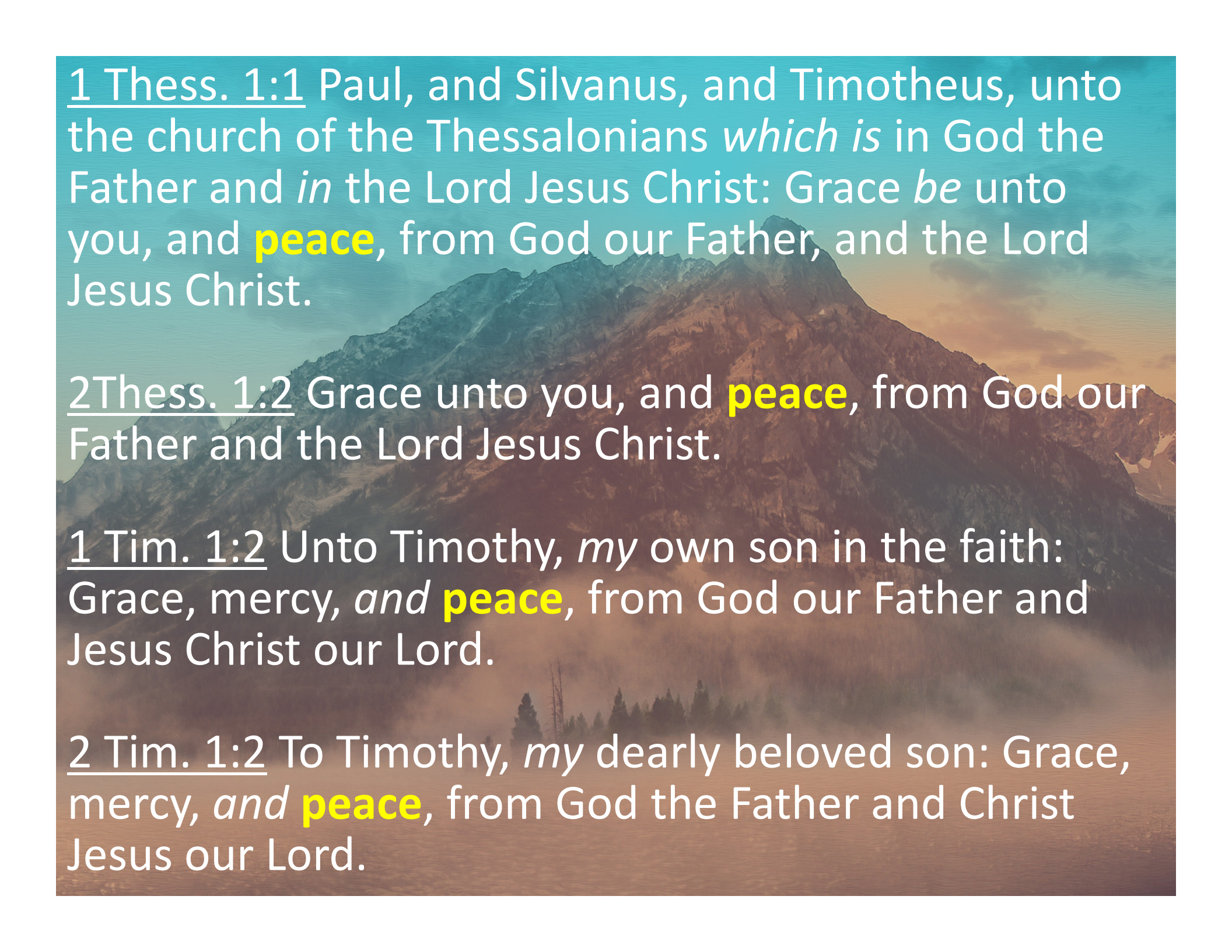
2 Cor. 1:2 Grace *be* to you and **peace** from God our Father, and *from* the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gal. 1:3 Grace *be* to you and **peace** from God the Father, and *from* our Lord Jesus Christ,

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Phil. 1:2 Grace *be* unto you, and **peace**, from God our Father, and *from* the Lord Jesus Christ.

Col. 1:2 To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ which are at Colosse: Grace *be* unto you, and **peace**, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.



1 Thess. 1:1 Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians *which is* in God the Father and *in* the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace *be* unto you, and **peace**, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

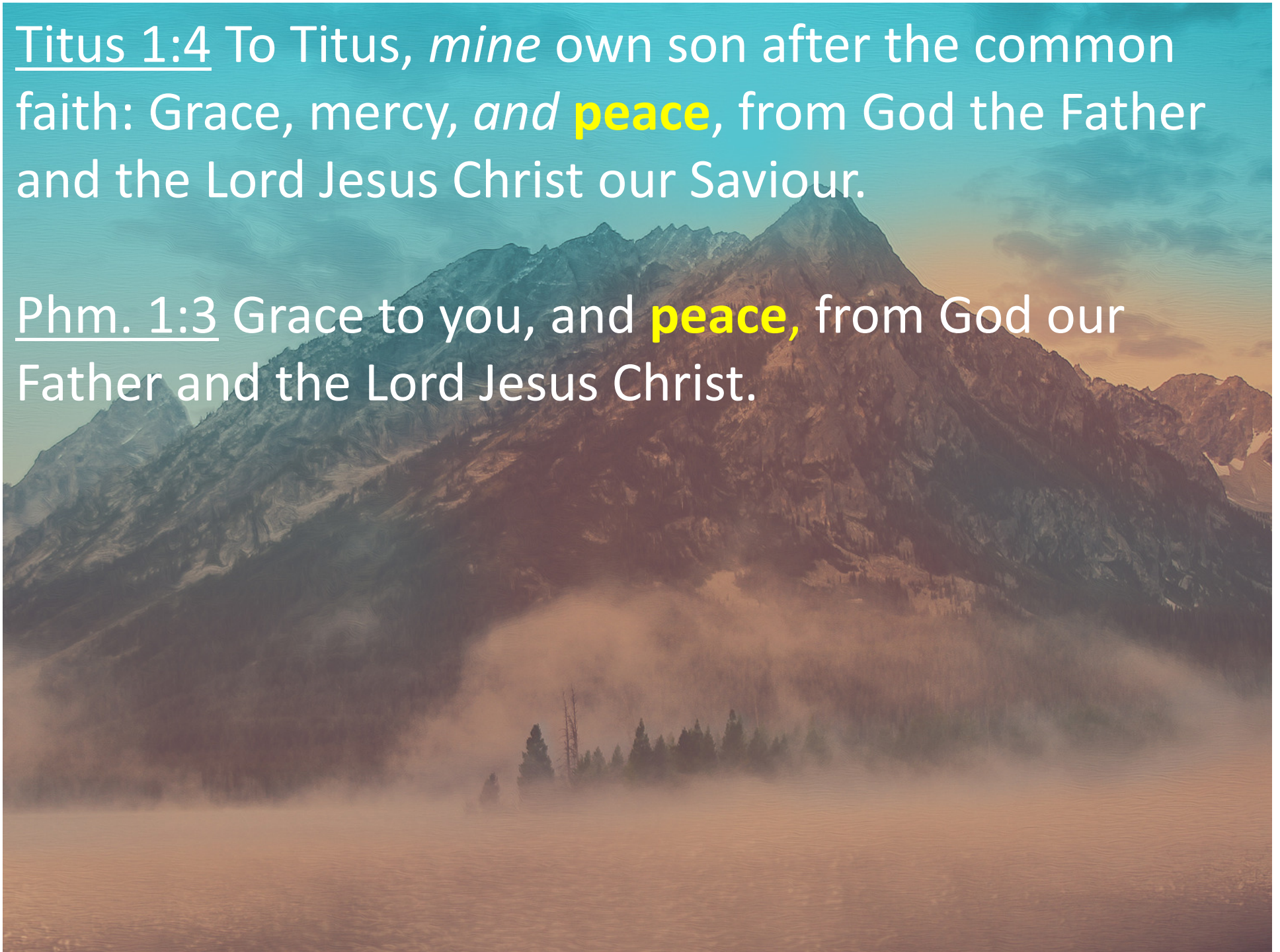
2Thess. 1:2 Grace unto you, and **peace**, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Tim. 1:2 Unto Timothy, *my* own son in the faith: Grace, mercy, and **peace**, from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.

2 Tim. 1:2 To Timothy, *my* dearly beloved son: Grace, mercy, and **peace**, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

Titus 1:4 To Titus, *mine* own son after the common faith: Grace, mercy, and **peace**, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Phm. 1:3 Grace to you, and **peace**, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.



- The *peacemaker* has wisdom “from above:”

Jas. 3:13 Who *is* a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.

14 But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth.

15 This wisdom descendeth not from above, but *is* earthly, sensual, devilish.

16 For where envying and strife *is*, there *is* confusion and every evil work.

17 But **the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable**, gentle, *and* easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

18 And **the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.**

- The word *peacemaker* is defined by the 1828 Webster's Dictionary as...

PE'ACEMAKER, *noun*

One who makes peace by reconciling parties that are at variance. <http://webstersdictionary1828.com/Dictionary/peacemaker>

The Greek word translated *peacemaker* is from two Greek words: εἰρήνη and ποιέω

Original Word: εἰρηνοποιός

Transliteration: eirēnopoios

Definition: peacemaking, a peacemaker

eirēnopoios (from *eirēnopoieō*, "make peace") – properly, a *peacemaker*, bravely declares God's terms which makes someone *whole* (**used only in Mt 5:9**). <https://biblehub.com/greek/1518.htm>

- A peacemaker is NOT a pacifist nor an appeaser.
- Neville Chamberlain wanted peace at any price when meeting with Hitler, even declaring “Peace in our time,” after returning from the Munich Conference in 1938.

“We regard the agreement signed last night and the Anglo-German Naval Agreement as symbolic of the desire of our two peoples never to go to war with one another again.”

https://eudocs.lib.byu.edu/index.php/Neville_Chamberlain%27s_%22Peace_For_Our_Time%22_speech



“An appeaser is one who feeds a crocodile, hoping it will eat him last.”

— **Winston S. Churchill**

<https://www.goodreads.com/quotes/tag/appeasement>

- *A peacemaker* must know the true source of peace,

Isa. 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, **The Prince of Peace.**

Eph. 2:14 For **he is our peace**, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition *between us*;

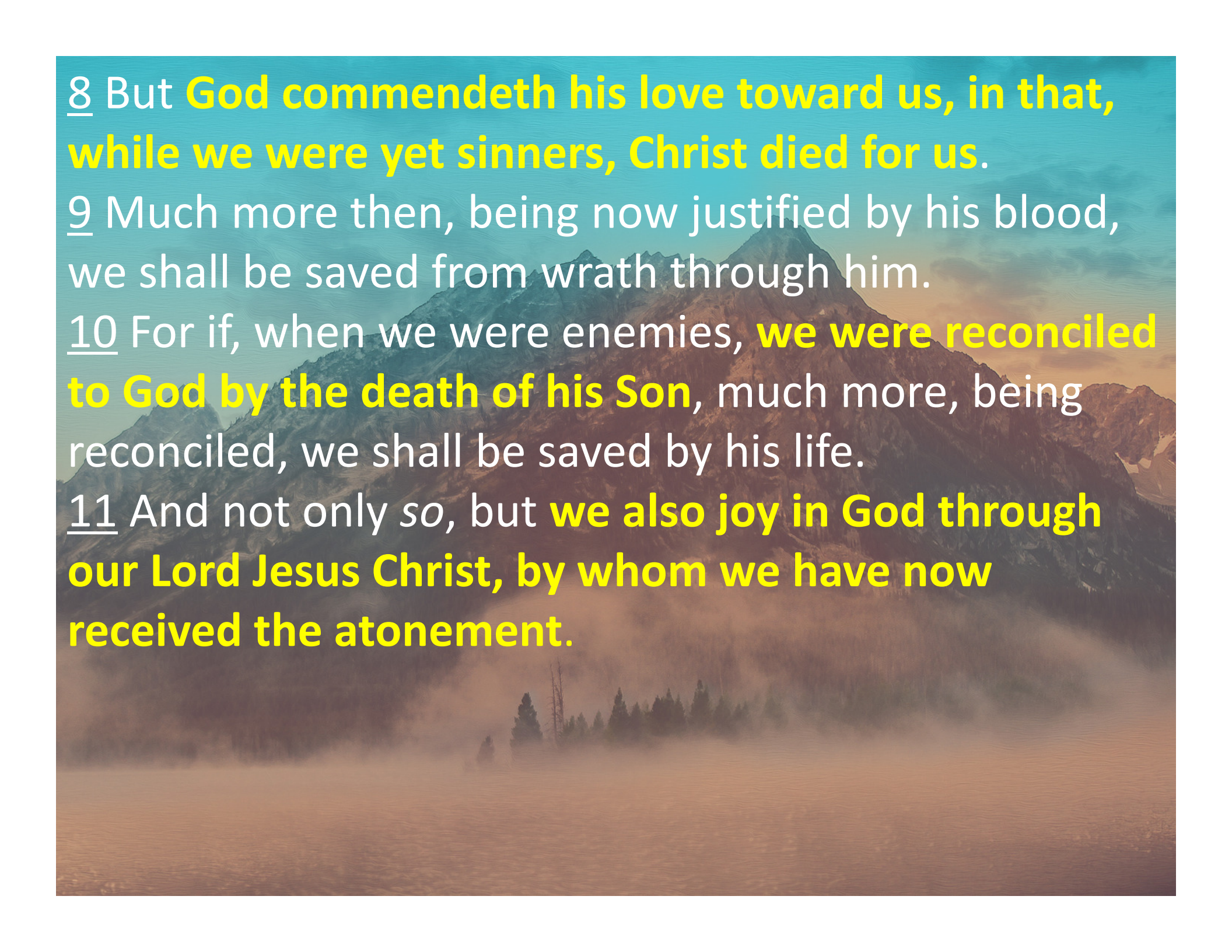
- Peace must first be established between God and man.

Isa. 57:21 *There is **no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.***

Rom 5:1 Therefore **being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:**

6 For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.

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8 But **God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.**

9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

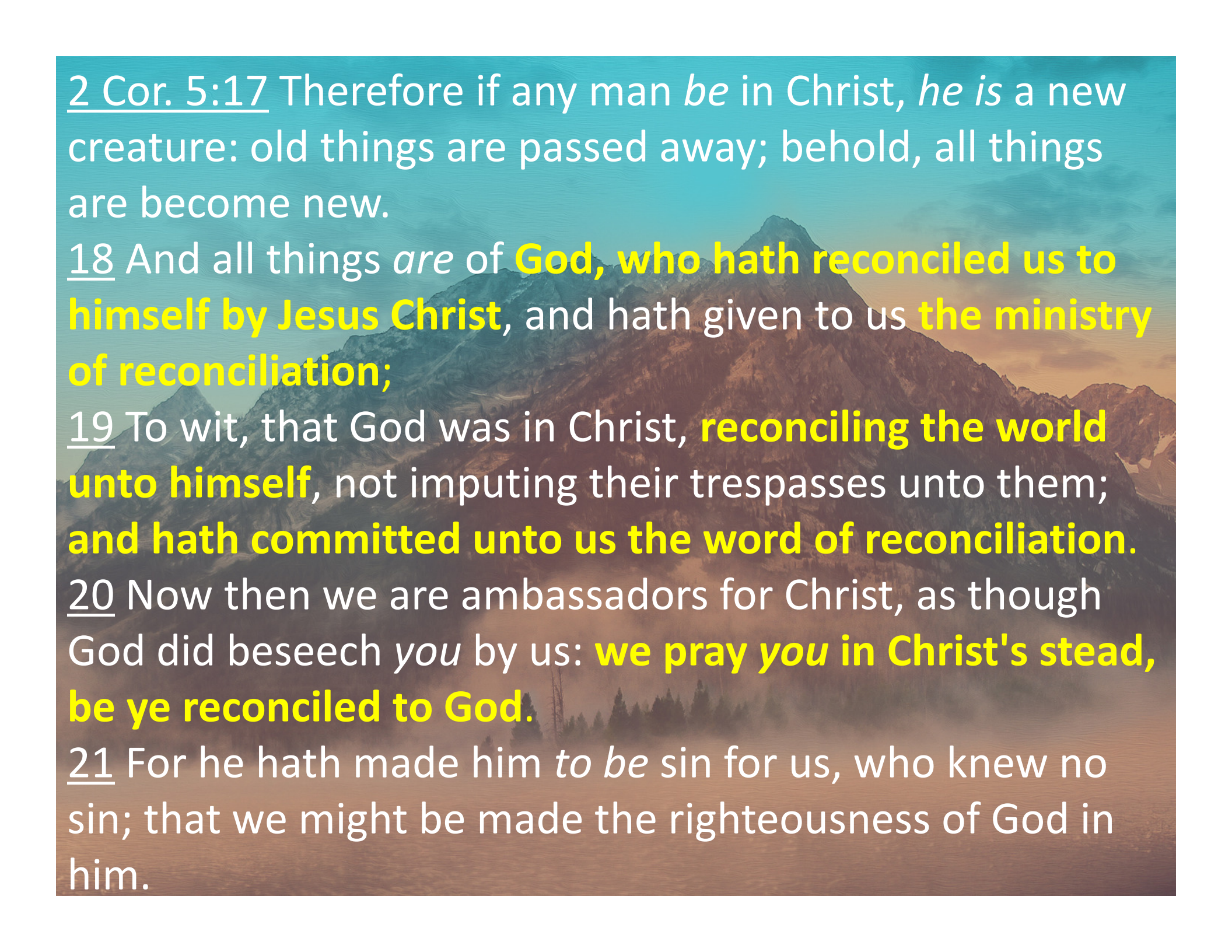
10 For if, when we were enemies, **we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son**, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

11 And not only so, but **we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.**



2 Cor. 5:18 And all things *are* of God, **who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ**, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

Eph. 2:16 And that **he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross**, having slain the enmity thereby:



2 Cor. 5:17 Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

18 And all things *are* of **God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ**, and hath given to us **the ministry of reconciliation**;

19 To wit, that God was in Christ, **reconciling the world unto himself**, not imputing their trespasses unto them; **and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.**

20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech *you* by us: **we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.**

21 For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

- Peace must be maintained between men and men.
- Moses' father-in-law, Jethro, encouraged Moses to delegate work to others, for the purpose of not getting worn out, plus helping the congregation of Israel to have peace.

Ex. 18:23 If thou shalt do this thing, and God command thee so, then thou shalt be able to endure, and **all this people shall also go to their place in peace.**

- Peacemakers assist in helping establish peace between others.

Rom. 12:18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, **live peaceably with all men.**

2 Cor. 13:11 Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, **live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.**

Rom. 14:19 **Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace,** and things wherewith one may edify another.

Eph. 4:3 Endeavouring to **keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.**

- In order “to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” within a church, directions were given by the Lord Jesus on how to do it:

Mt. 18:15 Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, **go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone**: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.

16 But **if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more**, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.

17 And **if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church**: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.

- Peace must be established within self.

Prov. 13:15 Good understanding giveth favour: but **the way of transgressors is hard.**

Job 22:21 **Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace:** thereby good shall come unto thee.

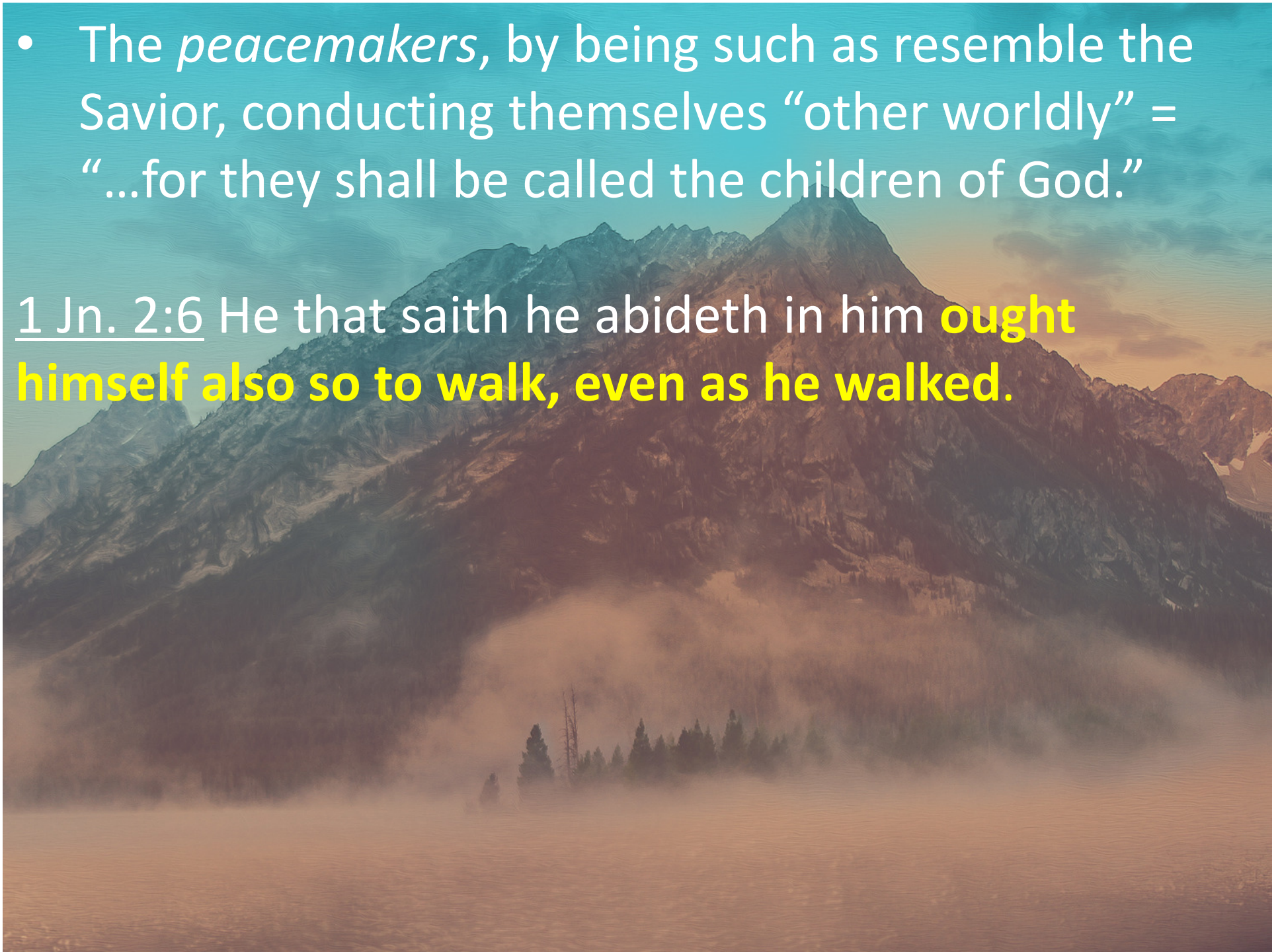
Psa. 119:165 **Great peace have they which love thy law:** and nothing shall offend them.

Isa. 26:3 Thou wilt keep *him* in **perfect peace**, whose mind *is stayed on thee*: because he trusteth in thee.

Psa. 34:14 Depart from evil, and do good; **seek peace, and pursue it.**

- The *peacemakers*, by being such as resemble the Savior, conducting themselves “other worldly” = “...for they shall be called the children of God.”

1 Jn. 2:6 He that saith he abideth in him **ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.**



Conclusion

Jn. 14:27 **Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you:** not as the world giveth, give I unto you. **Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.**

Jn. 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, **that in me ye might have peace.** In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

Col. 3:15 And **let the peace of God rule in your hearts,** to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

Heb. 12:14 **Follow peace with all men,** and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: