

Peace Or Appeasement?

Introduction

This Study was Inspired by [This Facebook Post](#) Where the Following Assertions were Made =>

- Not everything called “peace” is from God.
- Sometimes it’s just quiet compliance that keeps dysfunction intact.
- Yes, forgiveness is sacred.
- But reconciliation without accountability isn’t righteousness. It’s permission.
- Jesus never modeled peacekeeping at the expense of truth. He:
 - confronted.
 - named harm.
 - called for repentance.
- Real peace is not built on pretending. It’s built on:
 - honesty.
 - ownership.
 - change.

Are these assertions Biblically correct? Let's see what the Bible says...

Not Everything Called "Peace" Is from God

Passage	Key Point
Jeremiah 6:14	"They dress the wound of my people as though it were not serious. 'Peace, peace,' they say, when there is no peace."
Jeremiah 8:11	Nearly identical—false prophets proclaim peace when judgment is coming
Ezekiel 13:10	"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"
1 Thessalonians 5:3	"While people are saying, 'Peace and safety,' destruction will come on them suddenly"

These passages warn against **false peace that masks unresolved sin and coming judgment.**

Jesus Confronted Sin and Called for Repentance

Passage	What Jesus Did
Matthew 23:13-33	Jesus publicly rebuked religious leaders with seven "woes," calling them hypocrites, blind guides, and whitewashed tombs
John 2:13-17	Jesus overturned tables in the temple, confronting those exploiting worship for profit

Passage	What Jesus Did
Matthew 18:15-17	Jesus gave a process: confront privately, then with witnesses, then before the church— accountability escalates
Revelation 3:19	" Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent."
Luke 13:3,5	Jesus warned twice: " Unless you repent, you too will all perish "

Jesus **named harm directly** and required **repentance**, not just apologies.

Reconciliation Requires Accountability

Passage	Key Principle
Luke 17:3-4	"If your brother sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him " (forgiveness is conditioned on repentance)
2 Corinthians 7:10-11	" Godly sorrow brings repentance... See what this godly sorrow has produced in you: what earnestness, what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what alarm, what longing, what concern, what readiness to see justice done"
Matthew 3:8	John the Baptist: "Produce fruit in keeping with repentance" (repentance must show evidence)
Ezekiel 33:14-16	If a wicked person turns from sin and does what is just and right, restoring what was stolen, they will live— restitution matters
Luke 19:8-9	Zacchaeus demonstrated repentance through restitution : "I give half my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody... I will pay back four times the amount"

True reconciliation involves **ownership, change, and often restitution**—not just words.

Truth Must Precede Peace

Passage	Key Point
Ephesians 4:25	"Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor"
Zechariah 8:16-17	" Speak the truth to each other, and render true and sound judgment in your courts; do not plot evil... I hate all this"
Proverbs 28:23	" Whoever rebukes a person will in the end gain favor rather than one who has a flattering tongue"
Galatians 2:11-14	Paul publicly confronted Peter when his actions contradicted the gospel truth
Proverbs 27:5-6	" Better is open rebuke than hidden love. Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses"

Honesty, even when uncomfortable, is the foundation of genuine peace.

Jesus Valued Truth Over Peacekeeping

Passage	What Jesus Said/Did
Matthew 10:34-36	"Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword " (truth divides)
Luke 12:51-53	" Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division "
John 8:44-45	Jesus told religious leaders they belonged to their father the devil—direct confrontation of spiritual abuse
Matthew 15:7-9	"You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you..." (Jesus quoted Scripture to expose hypocrisy)

Jesus prioritized **truth and righteousness over comfortable silence**.

Exposing Sin Brings Transformation

Passage	Key Principle
Ephesians 5:11-13	"Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them... everything exposed by the light becomes visible"
James 5:19-20	"Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins"
1 Corinthians 5:5	Paul instructed handing an unrepentant sinner over "so that the sinful nature may be destroyed and his spirit saved" (accountability serves redemption)
Psalm 141:5	" Let a righteous man strike me—that is a kindness; let him rebuke me—that is oil on my head "

Exposure and confrontation are acts of love that create opportunity for repentance.

God Desires Justice, Not Just Mercy

Passage	Key Point
Micah 6:8	"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God"
Amos 5:24	"But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!"
Isaiah 1:17	"Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow"

Passage	Key Point
Proverbs 31:8-9	"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves... defend the rights of the poor and needy"

Justice and mercy must work together—not mercy that enables ongoing harm.

Conclusion

These texts collectively affirm that **biblical peace is built on truth, repentance, and accountability**—not on **silence that protects dysfunction**.

Desiring to live by every word that comes from the mouth of Jehovah ([Deut8:3; Matt4:4](#))

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