

Theme: God's Name Yahweh Shalom - The Lord is Peace - speaks of God's desire and ability to restore everything to its proper purpose so that I can be related properly to God, myself, and others.

I. Intro – Peace Jacket, Peace Sign or John and Yoko

- A. My jacket and peace sign to PapPaw
- B. John and Yoko's year of peace
- C. What is peace? Do we understand it?
- D. Can there be peace in troubled world?

II. Background - LORD Appears to Gideon

- A. Brief overview of Judges
 - 1. Sin, oppression, deliverance - repeat (Jd 2:10-19)
 - 2. Gideon lives in a time of oppression
- B. Angel of LORD appears (6:11)
- C. Angel of LORD greets (6:12)
- D. Gideon's doubtful reply (6:13)
- E. LORD's reply - Go and deliver (6:14)
- F. Gideon's humble reply (6:15)
- G. LORD's encouraging reply (6:16)
- H. Request - Let me feed you (6:17-19)
- I. Miracle (6:20-21)
- J. Gideon's fear (6:23)

- K. An altar and a name (6:24)

III. Yahweh Shalom - The Lord is Peace

- A. Peace - defining the concept
 - 1. Cease conflict -- Ecc 3:8 (Isa 9:5-6)
 - 2. No internal fear - Judges 6:23
 - 3. Related to righteousness - Isa 32:16-18
 - a. Why there is no peace for wicked [Is 48:22]
 - b. Why false prophets promise false peace [Jer 6:14]
 - c. Why fruit of Spirit - not 'fruits'
 - 4. Biblical concept - complete, sound, whole - way it should be
- B. Yahweh Shalom for Gideon - answers all
 - 1. Internal fears - He is Yahweh Shalom
 - 2. Strife with others - He is Yahweh Shalom
 - 3. Ethical unrighteousness/false worship - Yahweh Shalom
 - 4. Ruptured relationship w/ God - Yahweh Shalom
- C. Jesus is our Yahweh Shalom
 - 1. Restores peace with God - Romans 5:1

IV. Jesus is Our Yahweh Shalom

- A. He restores peace with God - Romans 5:1
- B. He gives internal peace - John 14:27
- C. He offers peace between men - Eph 2:14-16

D. He will restore all creation to right - Rev 21:5

E. This is why 'Gospel of peace' & greetings of 'peace'

V. Applying the Word

A. Do we truly understand peace?

1. Culture views it as internal, subjective or no war
2. This is included, but is only part
3. True peace comes in order
 - a. We are at peace with God through Christ
 - b. We are at peace within ourselves
 - c. We grow in righteousness by Spirit
 - d. We extend that peace to others by Gospel & deed

B. Are we experiencing peace

1. Do we have peace with God through Christ?
 - a. The root of all other problems is war with God
 - b. Christ offers peace - have we taken it?
 - c. Take it today!
2. Do we live in internal peace?
 - a. Christ gives us His peace
 - b. Situations may change - He does not
 - c. Do we focus on Names in difficulty?
 - d. We can even rejoice in sufferings - peace w/ God!

3. Are we extending peace in the world?

- a. Are we agents of peace in this world?
- b. Do our words, actions increase or decrease conflict?
- c. Do we extend the Gospel - only hope of real peace?
- d. Christ has conquered enemy - we can live in and extend peace!

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Judges 6:22-24
Ephesians 2:11-18
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Communion???
2 Thessalonians 3:16

The angel of the LORD came and sat down under the oak in Ophrah that belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, where his son Gideon was threshing wheat in a winepress to keep it from the Midianites. 12 When the angel of the LORD appeared to Gideon, he said, "The LORD is with you, mighty warrior." 13 "But sir," Gideon replied, "if the LORD is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all his wonders that our fathers told us about when they said, 'Did not the LORD bring us up out of Egypt?' But now the LORD has abandoned us and put us into the hand of Midian." 14 The LORD turned to him and said, "Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian's hand. Am I not sending you?" Judges 6:11-14

After that whole generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation grew up, who knew neither the LORD nor what he had done for Israel. 11 Then the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the LORD and served the Baals. 12 They forsook the LORD, the God of their fathers, who had brought them out of Egypt. They followed and worshiped various gods of the peoples around them. They provoked the LORD to anger 13 because they forsook him and served Baal and the Ashtoreths. 14 In his anger against Israel the LORD handed them over to raiders who plundered them. He sold them to their enemies all around, whom they were no longer able to resist. 15 Whenever Israel went out to fight, the hand of the LORD was against them to defeat them, just as he had sworn to them. They were in great distress. 16 Then the LORD raised up judges, who saved them out of the hands of these raiders. 17 Yet they would not listen to their judges but prostituted themselves to other gods and worshiped them. Unlike their fathers, they quickly turned from the way in which their fathers had walked, the way of obedience to the LORD's commands. 18 Whenever the LORD raised up a judge for them, he was with the judge and saved them out of the hands of their enemies as long as the judge lived; for the LORD had compassion on them as they groaned under those who oppressed and afflicted them. 19 But when the judge died, the people returned to ways even more corrupt than those of their fathers, following other gods and serving and worshiping them. They refused to give up their evil practices and stubborn ways. Judges 2:10-19

a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.
Ecclesiastes 3:8

Justice will dwell in the desert and righteousness live in the fertile field. 17 The fruit of righteousness will be peace; the effect of righteousness will be quietness and confidence forever. 18 My people will live in peaceful dwelling places, in secure homes, in undisturbed places of rest.
Isaiah 32:16-18

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ
Romans 5:1

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.
John 14:27

He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."
Revelation 21:5