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He is... Our Peace

Ephesians 2:14

185 Jesus is all the World to Me

335 What a Wonderful Savior

Ref: SDABC, Vol 12, p. 287,  
Reconciliation

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Paul had a common salutation... that he opened most of his epistles with

Here it is in the Greek... the way he would have written it

Its called unicals... all capitol letters... no spaces... and if your in the middle of a word... at the end of the page... you simply wrap to the next line... or page

This is the way the manuscripts are... you really need to know... your Greek to read those

How you doing? ...deciphered this one yet?

**Click** Here I'll.... split the words up for you... that make it easier

Your say... "It's all Greek to me!"  
Now you know... how I felt in Greek class... and still do

**Click** It will help... if we have the English

Paul uses a similar salutation in... First and second Timothy and Titus... adding the word mercy  
And John does the same... in his second epistle

**Click** But it is this word... ΕΙΡΗΝΗ... Irene... Peace... that we are focused on today

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1515 εἰρήνη i-ray'-nay

AV - peace 89, one 1, rest 1, quietness 1; 92

- 1) a state of national tranquility
- 2) peace between individuals, harmony, concord
- 3) security, safety, prosperity, felicity,
- 4) of the Messiah's peace - the way that leads to peace (salvation)
- 5) the tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Christ



Found 92 times in the NT  
Several more times in its derivative forms

Probably from... a primary verb eiro... meaning to join... when there is a joining... an alliance usually peace follows

Mostly used by Paul... no surprise

When Paul is... wishing Peace... to the recipients... of his letters

He may be wishing them... # 3 - security, safety, prosperity, felicity

But it seems... likely that he is... desiring #4 - the Messiah's peace - the way that leads to peace (salvation)

And yet even the elements of... #5 - the tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Christ

It is these... last two... that we will be... speaking of this morning... and how they can lead to... both definitions 2 and 3

Our scripture reading... is found in Ephesians 2:14

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For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;

*Ephesians 2:14*



Paul... speaking of Jesus... says "He is our Peace"

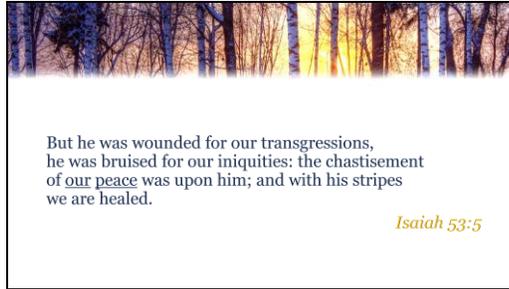
What does Paul mean... when he says... "Grace to you, **and peace**, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ"?

Is it simply... a well wishing... of a lack of trouble and turmoil... in ones life... like the Jewish salutation Shalom?

**Or could it be more?**

Paul says... He... Jesus... is our peace

Perhaps Isaiah... could offer us a clue:



Isaiah 53 uses... a plethora of terms like:

- vs 3 He is despised and rejected... a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief
- vs 4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.
- vs 6 The LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.
- vs 7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,... Brought as a lamb to the slaughter
- vs 8 He was taken from prison and from judgment... He was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.
- vs 10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put *him* to grief:
- vs 12 He was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors."

In the Hebrew... "our peace" is...  
Salowm... and in the LXX it is... EIRENES

"He is our Peace"... How is that?  
Because the... "chastisement of our peace... was upon him"... "and with his stripes we are healed"

The AV says – the chastisement... "of our peace"

The NKJ translates it – "for our peace"

The Hebrew shalome... carries the meaning... of completeness, soundness, welfare, peace

In other words... the chastisement or... the punishment of... or for... our sins... was inflicted on him (**John Gill**)

The consequence of this... to us is... our peace and healing, (**MHC**)

Why was the "chastisement for our peace" upon Him?

Paul says this in Colossians 1:20

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**LXXE:** 5 But he was wounded on account of our sins, and was {1} bruised because of our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and by his {2} bruises we were healed. {1} Or, made sick 2) Gr. bruise; 1 Pe 2:24

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and by Him to reconcile <sup>604</sup> all things to Himself,  
by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven,  
having made peace <sup>1517</sup> through the blood of His cross.

Colossians 1:20

1517 εἰρηνοποιέω i-ray-nop-oy-eh'-o  
AV-make peace 1; 1

So that by His blood... we might have  
peace... and be reconciled to the Father

These ideas... of peace and  
reconciliation... are found together... a  
number of times... in Paul's writings

Jesus was... despised and rejected...  
acquainted with grief... stricken,  
smitten of God, and afflicted.  
The LORD hath laid on him... the  
iniquity of us all.

To reconcile... as found here... in the  
Greek:

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604 ἀποκαταλλάσσω  
apo-kata-lasso  
from - according to - change

AV - reconcile 3; 3

root - v. kata-lasso 2644

As used in Col 1:20... a prefix apo is  
used... meaning from... you can see this  
is found... 3 times in the NT

It's primary noun... is kata-lasso (2644)

Meaning to change or exchange

In the English... reconciliation generally  
means:

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**RECONCILIATION**

: the act of causing two people or  
groups to become friendly again  
after an argument or  
disagreement

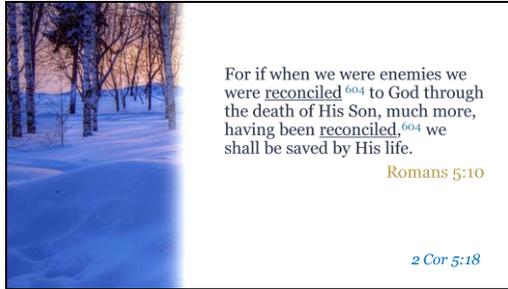
[www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/reconciliation](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/reconciliation)

Sin and its consequences... is arguably...  
far more than... than a disagreement

Between us and God... thus the price...  
of reconciliation... was equally as much  
more

We needed reconciliation... because as  
Paul notes:

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Reconciled is another way... of describing Justification

Paul said in verse 9

Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. Romans 5:9

We were enemies... of God... enemies of good... enemies of holiness and righteousness

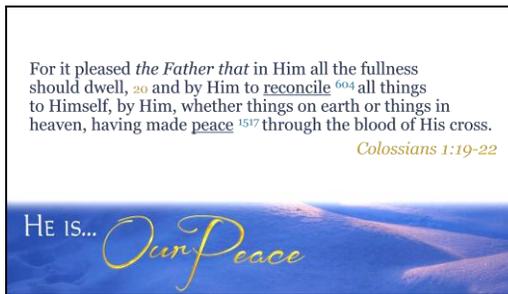
And yet while... we were enemies...

We are reconciled... we are saved... we have peace with God... through Jesus

2 Cor 5:18 Now all things are of God, who has reconciled 2644 us to Himself through Jesus Christ...

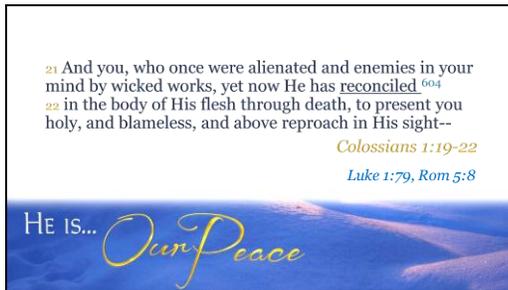
Lets look back at Col 1:

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Paul continues:

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Alienated and enemies... Where?

In your mind... How? Or Why? "by wicked works" ... and yet... even then... while yet sinners... "He has reconciled"

Notice the... past tense... of the words...

When and where... had that taken place?

In his body... through His death

But don't miss the reason for all this... to present you...holy, and Blameless... and above reproach...

Paul expands on... these ideas in Ephesians 2:

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Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh—  
-who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the  
Circumcision made in the flesh by hands—  
<sup>12</sup> that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens  
from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from  
the covenants of promise, having no hope and  
without God in the world.

*Col 2:11-13, Deut 10:16* *Ephesians 2:11-16*



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Are you seeing this common theme?

Paul is using... the physical condition...  
of the Gentiles

To draw a parallel...to their spiritual  
condition

They are aliens... strangers... having no  
hope... not physically... but spiritually...  
enemies of God

But there is good news!

He uses similar language... back in  
Colossians 2

11 In Him you were also circumcised  
with the circumcision made without  
hands, by putting off the body of the  
sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of  
Christ,

12 buried with Him in baptism, in  
which you also were raised with Him  
through faith in the working of God,  
who raised Him from the dead.

13 And you, being dead in your  
trespasses and the uncircumcision of  
your flesh, He has made alive together  
with Him, having forgiven you all  
trespasses,

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<sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off  
have been brought near by the blood of Christ.  
<sup>14</sup> For He Himself is our peace,<sup>15</sup> who has made both  
one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation,

*Ephesians 2:11-16*

*Deut 30:6, Jer 4:4, Rom 2:29, Php 3:3, Rom 6:6*



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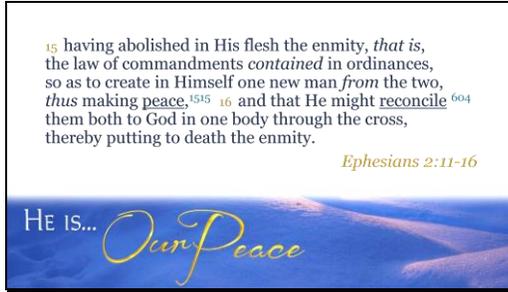
He has made both one... not only refers  
to... the at odds relationship.... between  
the Jews and Gentiles (Physical)

But to the at odds relationship... caused  
by sin... between all men and God

And Jesus is our peace... He has broken  
down the... middle wall of separation

Look at what... he says next:

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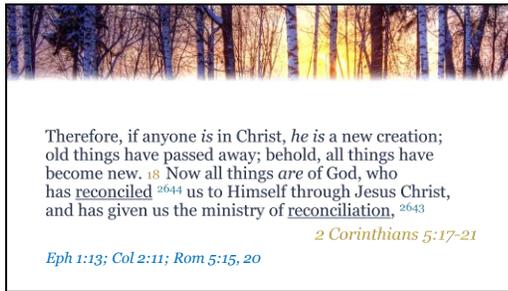
Verse 19... Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,” (Eph 2:11-19)

Jesus has made peace... by putting to death... the enmity... to create in Himself... one new man

That He might reconcile... us to God

Paul then... offers up... this assurance:

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All things are of God... in Christ... we are a new creation

Eph 1:13 In Him... you also trusted... you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

Col 2:11 In Him... you were also circumcised... by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh

It is the reconciliation... of relationship... which requires the... ending of the offense

We said earlier... that reconciliation... was another term... for justification

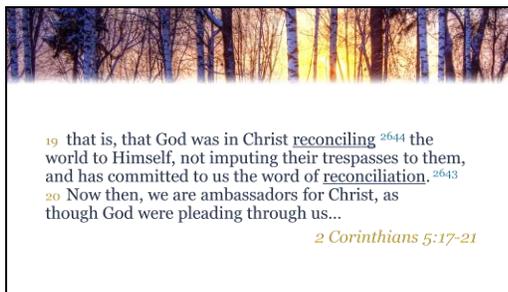
The circumcision... of the heart... the rendering of sin dead... the changed life

But we are seeing... that Jesus' peace... is more than forgiveness

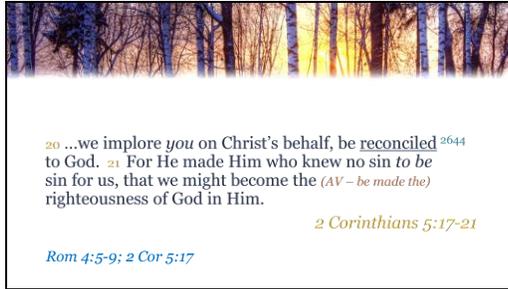
He is our peace!

Paul continues here:

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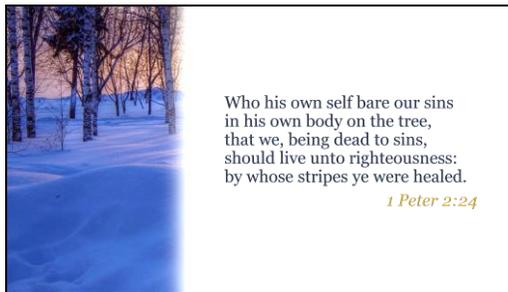


2 Cor5:17 *he* is a new creation old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new

So that we might be... Made the righteousness of God... in Christ Jesus

Let's look at... a few more verses...that talk about... this change:

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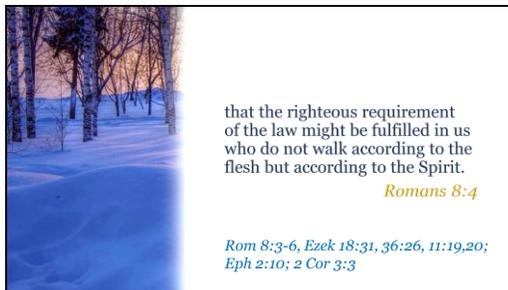
What is the healing... referencing Isaiah?

That we... should live unto righteousness"

This is not of us... He is our Peace... He is our healing... He is our righteousness

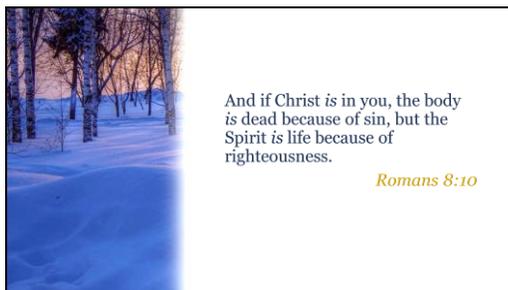
So that:

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"For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God *did* by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit... to be spiritually minded is life and peace."

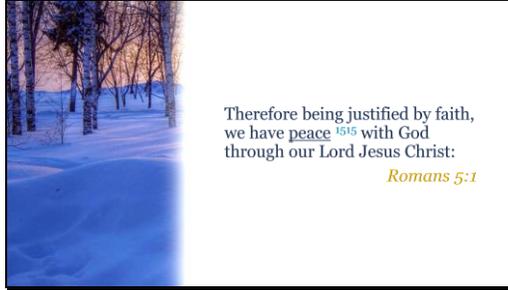
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Verse 10 reads:

He is our peace... the healing... is the gospel promise... a new heart... a new mind... a healing... indwelling... converting... Spirit of the living God

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God has made... peace with us...  
through Jesus's blood at Calvary

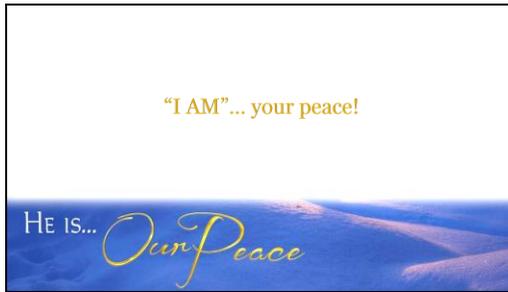
And thus we are Justified... when we  
have faith... but as we seen... in recent  
sermons

The Justification experience... is more  
that simple forgiveness

It is reconciliation... to a relationship...  
in and with... Christ  
A relationship that... by and through  
continued faith... results in restoration...  
of character

We are... Made the righteousness of  
God in us

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Said from the second person... it is  
acknowledgment of this great truth.

"He is"... our peace. However, stated  
from His perspective...

In the first person... would be "I AM"...  
your peace

Jesus is saying... I am your peace...  
come onto me... all ye who labor... and  
are heavy laden... and I will give you  
rest

His righteousness... the Gold tried in  
the fire... is that which... purifies and  
cleanse us... and makes us... white as  
snow

Grace to you... and peace... from God  
our Father... and the Lord Jesus Christ

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