

Shalom Series
His Peace Our Promise
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Opening

-When you hear the word “peace” what comes to mind, what do you think of?

-Luke 2:14

Introduction

-So where do we get the word Shalom?

- It is a Hebrew word
- Translates in our Bibles as “peace”
- My belief is:
 1. Attitude
 2. Disposition
 3. State of mind and heart

-The Bible Project – Shalom

-The Institute for Faith, Works, and Economics – What is Shalom According to the Bible

-Shalom is a deep sense of wellbeing and goodness... (second half of definition later) – IT’S A GIFT!

WHAT YOU BELIEVE ABOUT THE SOURCE OF THE GIFT BUILDS A BELIEF IN YOU ABOUT THE GIFT!

...I believe in the goodness of God!
...I believe God always has my best interest at heart!
...I believe wholeness and goodness (**flourishing**) are not circumstance dependent!

-Matthew 8:23-27 (outward picture of inner Shalom!!!)

-John 14:27 (this is why I call it Jesus’ promise)

His Promise/This Series

-This series is going to be about how this gift of Shalom, Jesus' promise to us, is related to and connected with the four primary relationships we have in this life.

-And until we are ready to accept the Biblical concept of "portion" we will never fully experience Shalom.

1. embrace His sovereignty (peace with God)

2. embrace your unchangeables (peace with myself)

3. embrace their diversity (peace with others)

4. embrace your chores (peace with creation)

The Person Before The Peace

-(Insert Welcome Home moment here)

-Christians

- 3 uses in the NT
- Acts 11:26
- Acts 26:28
- 1 Peter 4:16
- "Christ" is not Jesus' last name!
- Christ means "anointed" (Greek, Gentile word for Messiah)
- Meaning = like The Anointed or followers of The Anointed

-The Way

- **John 14:6**
- **Acts 9:1-2**

-Relevant Magazine 2002 (respectfully disagree...IS a path too, to Heaven)

"Being a follower of the way is not a path to travel, but rather a pattern to follow, an example, if you will. In order to follow the way we have to be like the way, imitate the way. We need to pay careful attention to the life of the way and let people see that in us. The early Christians were not called Christians because they were pious people

who lived morally superior lives with a condescending attitude toward their fellow man. They were called Christians (Christ-like ones) because they imitated their leader, Christ. They lived lives of compassion, love, humility, patience and virtue.”

Band

-First century people who professed faith in Jesus as the Messiah were identified by names that placed a greater emphasis on becoming like Jesus and not just believing in Jesus.

-Why does this matter...because becoming like Jesus is one of the main ways we point other people to Jesus!!!!

-My Shalom is part of my witness... (church vision...)

-Shalom is a deep sense of wellbeing and goodness that is anchored in Jesus!

Close

-Philippians 4:6-7