



Sowing The Seed In Peace

*“Now the fruit of righteousness is sown
in peace by those who make peace.”*

James 3:18

Preach The Gospel Of Peace

- ⇒ Rom 10:15 “...*“How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!”*”
- ⇒ Acts Shows Us The Lord’s Church Multiplying
- ⇒ Because They Preached The Word
 - 2:14; 3:12; 4:1; 5:42; 8:4; 9:20; 10:34; 11:20; 13:5; 14:21
 - Acts 11:20-21 “But some of them were men from Cyprus and Cyrene, who, when they had come to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists, preaching the Lord Jesus. ²¹ And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned to the Lord.”

Why Did They Grow So Well?

- ⇒ Because They Sowed The Seed Everywhere
- ⇒ And Because They Laid Down A Great Mulch
 - An Environment of Peace
 - 1:14 “These all continued with one accord...”
 - 2:1 “...they were all with one accord...”
 - 2:46 “So continuing daily with one accord...”
 - 4:24 “...their voice to God with one accord...”
 - 5:12 “And they were all with one accord...”
 - 8:6 “And the multitudes with one accord
 - 9:31 “Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied.”

They Were Peacemakers

⇒ When There Was Trouble They Made Peace

▣ Acts 6:1-5 “Now in those days, when *the number of* the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. ² Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, “It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. ³ Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of *good* reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; ⁴ but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word.”⁵ And the saying pleased the whole multitude.”

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▣ Acts 15:7 "And when there had been much dispute, ..."

▣ Acts 15:12 "Then all the multitude kept silent and listened to Barnabas and Paul declaring how many miracles and wonders God had worked through them among the Gentiles."

▣ Acts 15:22 "Then it pleased the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas, namely, Judas who was also named Barsabas, and Silas, leading men among the brethren."

Peace From God

⇒ This Environment Is What Jesus Prayed For

- John 17:20-21 “I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; ²¹ “that they all may be one, as You, Father, *are* in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.”

⇒ And Paul Urged

- Ephesians 4:1-3 “I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, ² with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, ³ endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”

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▣ John 13:35 “By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

“Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always in every way. The Lord *be* with you all.”

2 Thessalonians 3:16