

Hope is Open | Week #03

Finding the Path to Peace | October 15-18

Anchor Verse: Blessed are the Peacemakers for they will be called Children of God. -Jesus (Matthew 5:9)

What is the Issue anyway?

Some think the path to peace is _____ policy.

Some think the path to peace is _____ philosophy.

Some think the path to peace is _____ orthodoxy.

What wisdom does scripture offer?

Isaiah 9:6 and John 3:16-17

Jesus is the _____ of Peace who:

- Reveals the _____ nature of God (Philippians 2:6-11)
 - Jesus revealed God's nature as _____ and _____.
 - God's victory comes through overwhelming _____, not overwhelming _____.
- Heals our world of _____ (Romans 7:14-20)
 - Sin _____ wounded people and people who wound.
 - The _____ find healing and the _____ find forgiveness in Jesus.
 - Jesus is saving us from sin not _____.
 - Sin _____ wounded people and people who wound.
 - The wounded (Oppressed) find healing and the wounders (oppressors) find forgiveness in the _____ of Jesus' blood, resurrection and Holy Spirit.

The Point: Jesus' death and resurrection open the universal path to peace: Trusting in the _____ of God's love that saves both the oppressed and the oppressor from the power of sin.

What about Tomorrow and my every day, normal life?

Start _____ in the revelation of Jesus: You are loved by God and created in God's image.

Start _____ Jesus on his path to peace.

How does this bring hope to my world?

When we walk this path of peace with Jesus, we will:

- Establish God's _____ Peace on Earth (A Kingdom not of this world)
- We learn that God is _____ than we imagined.

NEXT STEPS (What is God inviting you into today?)

1. Begin a relationship with God through this path of peace that Jesus provides.
2. Join a peacemaking group this fall and begin to grow my peacemaking muscles.
3. Explore more about non-violent atonement by reading "A More Christlike God: A More Beautiful Gospel" by Bradley Jersak.