

Identifying a Person of Peace

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“And whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it and stay there until you depart. As you enter the house, greet it. And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town.”

Worthy?

... "And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you." v.11

We are only made worthy through our faith, exclusively in Jesus Christ as our Lord, our King, and our Savior.

Luke 10:5-9

“Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace be to this house!’ And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you.

Defining a Person of Peace

A person of peace will have a...

- Recognition of the need
- Reverence to the message
- Response to the gift (receiving God's grace)

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“Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.”

1 Peter 1:8-9

Matthew 28:19-20

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

One who has received God's peace is now one commanded to proclaim God's peace.

Preparation

Two things we must keep in mind as we prepare for mission:

- One is a person of peace by...
 - Faith
 - God's sovereign preparation

Preparation

“and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”—and he was called a friend of God.” James 2:23

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,” Ephesians 2:8

1 John 4:6

“We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.”

What does this tell us?

Our mission is spiritual, our battle is of the supernatural realm.

“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.”

Ephesians 6:12

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“Find out” - *exetázō* (ex-et-ad'-zo): to examine; to test thoroughly (by questions), i.e. ascertain or interrogate:—ask, inquire, search

We need to be patient, diligent, and discerning

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Three qualities we can observe:

Are they?

1. Hospitable? (Genesis 18)
2. Eager?
3. Seeking?

Luke 19:1-10

“He entered Jericho and was passing through. And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.” So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. And when they saw it, they all grumbled, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.” And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.””

The Command of Discipleship

...and if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it. (Matthew 10:13)

And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide... (Luke 10:7)

“Let your peace...”

“Remain...”

The Command of Discipleship

An Usher of Truth

“For we cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth.”

2 Corinthians 13:8

“And proclaim as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’”

Matthew 10:7

The Command of Discipleship

A Teacher of God's Commands

“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.” 2 Timothy 3:16-17

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A Vessel of Mercy

“Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.” Ephesians 4:32

“Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.” Luke 6:36

The Command of Discipleship

A Servant of Love

“Let all that you do be done in love.” 1 Corinthians 16:14

“And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.” Ephesians 5:2

2 Timothy 2:24-26

“And the Lord’s servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.”