

House of Shalom Part 2

- You are in a relationship. You believe this person to be honest. You trust them. You love them. They lie to you and deceive you. What is your response to this?
- Deep hurt. Separation. Anger. Bitterness. Distrust of others.
- So painful. How do we get through this? That is one question that takes a while to unpack
- Also, an important question is how do we keep this, as much as we are able, from happening again?
- We make different decision as children. This changes in our teenage years, and in our young adulthood and should change again as we get older. This must be a process in our spiritual life with Christ as well.

CHRISTIANS MUST MATURE IN THEIR COMPREHENSION OF THE SPIRITUAL IF THEY ARE TO BE SPIRITUAL LEADERS

- Peace is found over 400x in the bible

Last week we talked about Eirene. Multiple levels of definition: personal, financial, governmental, business, physical

This week OT Shalom. More of a state of being

First, false Peace: We as mature men and women in Christ MUST recognize deception.

Ways Peace can be manipulated:

1. What you are doing is ok
 - Others need to change but you are fine
2. Morality is offered as a false Peace
 - Hey, you are a good person. You mean well
 - This is another way of being good...
3. Peace is demanded when war is called for
 - Peace is from God. It is a gift
 - Sometimes to get to peace, war must be declared

Psalm 34:11-16

Come, children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

- Good fathers provide
- Great fathers pastor, provide and protect. This is all three
- It provides a way to Shalom (fear of God)
- It pastors, or shepherds in a loving way towards the truth
- It protects by default against the opposite choice of not fearing the Lord

12 Who is someone who desires life, loving a long life to enjoy what is good?

- Do you want real life?
- Do you want to enjoy good things?
- Only through the way of Shalom

13 Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from deceitful speech.

- Stop talking about evil things
- Stop lying (To yourself and to others)
- This takes you to the house of Shalom

14 Turn away from evil and do what is good; seek peace and pursue it.

- How do we qualify evil?

"Evil is a lack of goodness. It is goodness spoiled. You can have good without evil, but you cannot have evil without good." (JP Morland, Christian philosopher)

- How did Jesus qualify evil?

Matthew 12:30

Anyone who is not with me is against me, and anyone who does not gather with me scatters.

1st John 4:8

The one who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

- So stop doing evil, all the varsity sins you list that OTHERS do...

AND...

**STOP DOING EVIL, ALL THE ACTIONS
YOU DO IN YOUR OWN NAME FOR YOUR
OWN GLORY, FOR YOUR OWN AGENDA.
THEY ARE EVIL REGARDLESS OF HOW MORAL
THEY ARE PERCEIVED TO BE**

- What should we do instead?
- Do good things in JESUS' name, not your name!

- Look for Peace! (House of Shalom) and go after it!

15 The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry for help.

- Who are the righteous? Those who do God's will

Matthew 6:33

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be provided for you.

- He is listening for your cry!
- He desires to help you and take you to the House of Shalom