Be At Peace with One Another

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INTRODUCTION

- For on the way they had discussed with one another which of them was the greatest.
- Jesus is saying in very visceral terms, there are some things about yourself that you're going to have to sacrifice.

1 Everyone Will Be Salted with Fire

Mark 9:49; Romans 12:1

- It would seem that Jesus still has this imagery of sacrifice on his mind.
- I'm not interested in just an eye or a foot or a hand. I want you. You in your entirety. You need to be salted with fire.
- If I'm a disciple of Christ, then I am a sacrificed person.

2 Salt Is Good

Mark 9:50; Matthew 5:13

- You didn't have refrigeration. What you had was salt. And you could use salt and you could preserve food.
- He says in verse 13 of Matthew chapter 5, you are the salt of the earth.
- If we are peacemakers, if we are all those things, if we have become the people that God wants us to be, then we are salt.
- Salt is good. Salt serves an essential purpose that we must never forget. And therefore, salt must never lose its saltiness.

3 Have Salt in Yourselves and Be at Peace

Mark 9:50

- His disciples, rather than understanding the selflessness of Jesus and the humility that was involved in that sacrifice, rather bickered and argued about who is the greatest in the kingdom.
- You are good, but only so much as if you have peace with one another.
- The first reason is right here again in Mark chapter 9, and it's simple pride and ego. We all want to be thought of as being great.

4 Accept One Another

Romans 14:1–3; Romans 15:7

- The heart of Paul's arguments in the book of Romans, throughout the book of Romans, is there's underlying tension in the church.
- Law didn't save you. Faith in Christ saved you.

- Now accept the one who is weak in faith, but not for the purpose of passing judgments on his opinions.
- Does he say come into total agreement? No. He says, accept one another.
- The mystery of the gospel was that God would unite Jew and Gentile in one body in the church.

5 Live in Peace Even Though They Don't Agree

- In our world, in our society, Christians are viewed as a voting block.
- It doesn't define my religion. It doesn't define my relationship with Christ.
- What the world is supposed to look at as the church is the people who they, of all people, they live in peace with one another, even though they don't agree on those things.
- We don't all have to agree on those things. But we have to be at peace. We have to accept one another.

6 Have This Attitude Which Was in Christ Jesus

Philippians 2:1–11

- Ultimately, when we find ourselves not at peace with one another, it's because we failed to take the same lesson as well.
- Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind. Regard one another as more important than yourselves.
- So many times we've gotten it backwards. Our Lord was glorified. But only after he was humiliated.
- The glorification only comes after we've humbled ourselves to each other, and only after we've been at peace with each other and accept one another and have had the mind of Christ.

THE CHALLENGE

Therefore, be at peace with one another. Not agree on all things. Not view the world through the same prism and the same experiences which you don't have. No. Be at peace. Accept one another. Don't judge one another's opinions. Be at peace.

MY NOTES