

Nothing but the Blood
Making Peace by the Blood
Colossians 1:19-20

“... the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.” (Romans 8:21-22)

“The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder’s den. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.” (Isaiah 11:6-9)

“The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace [shalom]” (Numbers 6:24-26)

“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!” (Luke 2:14)

Points to Ponder: Ask: How can I, and how can we as a community of those who follow Jesus – the Prince of Peace – be people who reflect the fact that we know Him? Should not our life together be a clearer, though still imperfect, glimpse of the peace/shalom that Christ’s blood made for us?

Next Week: We will continue our Lenten Sermon Series entitled *Nothing but the Blood* - a series in which we will ponder what the blood of Jesus accomplished for us. Our hope is that this season of Lent will prepare us well to marvel at our Savior’s death and resurrection in the week of Easter. Next week we will look at the text of **Hebrews 9:13-14** *Purified by the Blood*.

