

The peace of God which we celebrate at Christmas is about more than absence of conflict; it is about wholeness. Jesus comes into the world and gives himself for us so that we could be made whole again.

Paul's idea of shalom peace in Romans 5: _____

what reassembly towards shalom looks like: _____

Greek *katallage* "reconciliation" = _____

The Gift of Peace



Romans 5:1–11 (NIV)

¹Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have **peace** with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

⁶You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! ¹⁰For if, while we were God's enemies, **we were reconciled** to him through the death of his Son, how much more, **having been reconciled**, shall we be saved through his life! ¹¹Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have **now received reconciliation**.

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Understanding the Bible:

What is the problem being expressed in this Bible passage?

How does God show up in this Bible Passage?

According to today's passage, how does Jesus bring us reconciliation?

My favorite song today:

Things I will pray for this week:

Today's Bible Passage: Romans 5:1-11

(Can you find the highlighted words?)

U J G L O R Y L J B M J
 K N O W B I W A O K O U
 G R A C E J G L U V R S
 C Y A C C E S S C A E T
 P N A H A S U O H B C I
 J E S R U U F H A E O F
 P F R I S S F D R E N I
 P E R S E V E R A N C E
 S B W T O N R P C O I D
 A O O M I N I S T I L L
 V N O A U B N F E I E O
 E L G C S C G E R G D R
 D Y F A I T H O P E I D

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because we **know** that **suffering** produces **perseverance**; **perseverance**, **character**; and **character**, **hope**. And **hope** does not put us to shame, **because** God's **love** has **been** poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has **been** given to us. You see, at just the right time, when we were **still** powerless, **Christ** died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous **person**, though for a good **person** someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own **love** for us in this: While we were **still** sinners, **Christ** died for us. Since we have now **been justified** by his blood, how **much more** shall we be **saved** from God's wrath through him! For if, while we were God's enemies, we were **reconciled** to him through the death of his Son, how **much more**, having **been reconciled**, shall we be **saved** through his life! Not **only** is this so, but we **also boast** in God through our **Lord Jesus Christ**, through whom we have now received reconciliation.