

DISPLAYING THE TRIUMPH OF GOD

Ephesians



AREN'T WE ALL HUMANS
THEN WHY CAN'T WE LIVE IN



PEACE



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**CAN SOMEONE EXPLAIN TO ME
HOW WAR CREATES PEACE?**

Can someone explain to me how war creates peace?

 **Make Love
Not War**

**all you need is
LOVE**

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- John Lennon



Why can't we all just get along?

— Rodney King —

AZ QUOTES

Ephesians 4:1-6

1 Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, 3 being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.

GOD'S TRIUMPH DISPLAYED...

- A. THE PLAN OF GOD (Ch. 1-3)
- B. THE PEOPLE OF GOD (Ch. 4-6)

GOD'S TRIUMPH DISPLAYED IN THE PLAN OF GOD (ch. 1-3)

- A. The Messengers of God 1:1-2
- B. The Redemption of God 1:3-14
- C. The Knowledge of God 1:15-23
- D. The Grace of God 2:1-10
- E. The Household of God 2:11-22
- F. The Wisdom of God 3:1-13
- G. The Power of God 3:14-21

GOD'S TRIUMPH DISPLAYED IN THE PEOPLE OF GOD (4-6)

- A. A Life of Unity 4:1-16
- B. A Life of Holiness 4:17-32
- C. A Life of Love 5:1-6
- D. A Life of Light 5:7-14
- E. A Life of Wisdom 5:15-6:9
- F. A Life of War 6:10-24

Living a Life of Unity...

1. The Call to Unity
2. The Display of Unity
3. The Foundation of Unity

Living a Life of Unity...

3. The Foundation of Unity

- We have been blessed thru JC (1:3)
- We hope in JC (1:12)
- We have been brought near to God thru JC 2:13
- We have been resurrected with JC (2:6)
- We have been seated with JC in heaven (2:6)
- Our inheritance is thru JC (3:6)
- We have JC living in our hearts (3:18)
- We have the love of Christ within us (3:19)
- We have been forgiven thru JC (4:32)
- We are light in JC (5:8)

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Spurgeon

Angels and principalities will look at Christ's perfect Church with awe. They will all exclaim, "What a marvel! what a wonder! what a masterpiece of Divine power and wisdom!" When they saw the foundation laid in the precious blood of Christ, they gazed long and wistfully; but when they see the whole Church complete, every spire and pinnacle, and the great topstone brought out with shouting, all built of precious jewels and pearls, fashioned like unto the similitude of a palace, why they will make heaven ring again and again....

Why, before my astonished gaze this morning, there seems to me to rise up as from a great sea of confusion a wondrous building. I see the first stone sunk into the depths of that sea dyed with blood...and now I see other stones built on that...the first apostles, all of them martyrs. I see stone rising upon stone as age succeeds age. ...the structure rises: the stones are very different; they come from Asia, Africa, America, Europe; they are taken from amongst princes and from among peasants. These stones are very diverse...

...and for 1,860 years that building goes on, and on, and on building, every stone being made ready; we know not how many more years that masterly edifice will take, but at the last, despite all the frowns of hell and all the power of devils, that edifice will be completed...and the whole so fair, so matchless, such a display of power and wisdom and love...when all the Church shall be one as the Father is one with Christ. O happy day!

[A]rt thou alive by the life of Christ? Does God dwell in thee, and dost thou dwell in him?

Then, my dear brother, give me thine hand. Never mind about a thousand differences if thou art in Christ and I am in Christ, we cannot be two, we must be one. Let us love each other with a pure heart fervently. Let us live on earth, as those who are to live together a long eternity in heaven. Let us help each other's spiritual growth... let us chase out of our hearts everything which would break the unity which God has established... May the Lord bless us, dear friends, as a Church, make us one, and keep us so... There will be no fear about that, — Christ's prayer takes care of us, that we shall be one.