

“Keep the Peace”

1 Peter 3:8-12

Sermon Summary. . .

Keeping the peace depends on **preparing** ourselves to biblically respond to hostility.

Exercises that Prepare Us to Keep the Peace . . .

- Develop the attitudes necessary to **sustain** Christian **community**.
 - Focus on the attitudes of the **mind**.
 - Focus on the attitudes of the **heart**.
- Develop the action necessary to **soften** Christian **critics**.
 - Your inclination should be to **replace** retaliation with blessing.
 - Use your **talk** for good not evil.
 - Use your **walk** for good not evil.
 - Your incentive should be to **inherit** blessing from God.
 - He offers you the blessing of **eternal** peace.
 - He offers you the blessing of **earthly** peace.