

Can We have World Peace

There are basically two ways to think about peace. If our peace perspective is a **global** effort brought about by **men**, it will have a very different application than if our peace perspective is a **personal** effort brought about by peace with **God**.

The scope of secular peace today, and presumably for all time to come, is global. Since we live in a global community, any peace short of "world peace" would not be acceptable. The vehicle of the secularist to bring about this world peace is to establish:

- Global religious tolerance
- Global political alliance
- Global economic equality
- A progressive definition of morality

This will all happen through what they call "dialogue," because dialogue, as a path to "world peace," always assumes compromise, tolerance, and a progressive morality. It's what Satan did in Genesis 3:1 when *he said to the woman, "Indeed, has God said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden?'"* Satan took a "God has said" and turned it into a "Has God said?" A command of God was questioned by means of a dialogue, which assumed God's Word could be subjected to compromise, tolerance, and a fluid morality. Pope Francis said, "The courage of dialogue and reconciliation [should] prevail over the temptation for vendetta, arrogance, [and] corruption."

No one would disagree with that. But the question is, should "The courage of dialogue and reconciliation prevail over" the Word of God? Because that's the issue. The "courage" to compromise the Word of God is what must prevail over its commands if we are to pursue "world peace." Dialogue may help us understand the Word of God, but to dialog over our global differences reduces the Word of God into "Has God said?"

And it's not just about understanding each other better. The secular premise is that we don't understand each other, and if we did, we would realize we are all very much alike. I understand the other world religions, and I understand that they contradict the Bible. Dialog as a solution to peace is only effective if the people of these religions are not serious about what they believe. If Christians believe the Bible is true, "dialogue" will not lead to "reconciliation" with the false teaching of other religions. If a Buddhist, Muslim, Hindu, or Jew believes their religion is true, then they cannot dialogue their way into accepting the Bible.

Here is what a "dialogue and reconciliation" approach has done to morality. There are (at least) five major sins condemned in the Bible that have been considered a problem by all sophisticated societies since the beginning of recorded history:

- Abortion (or some sort of infant sacrifice)
- Homosexuality
- Cohabitation (or pre-marital fornication)
- Divorce
- Lying

All through history, up and until a few years ago (say, from the time of Christ to the 1960s), these five moral actions have been considered a **problem** by almost everybody, secular and religious. Today, they are considered a **solution** by almost everybody, secular and religious. Never before in history has anything like any of these clear, obvious, biblically condemned sins been considered a solution. But today they are. And it's because we are pursuing "dialogue and reconciliation" with those committing them. Instead of "God has said," our dialogue has asked, "Has God said?" turning problems into solutions. So we are, theoretically, on our way to "world peace" via reconciliation with our fellow man.

World peace in both testaments is only obtained by the coming of the Messiah to the earth (which the New Testament calls the Second Coming) to set up His own kingdom. In both testaments, this is not a peace brought about gradually by the efforts of man. Those efforts only result in a satanic evil world controlled by the antichrist and will lead to a tribulation period where God will *take peace from the earth* (Revelation 6:4). The purpose of the future seven-year tribulation (Daniel 9:27) is to judge the world for its sin and rebellion against God (Psalm 98:9; Revelation 14:6-7).

Therefore, any attempt at **world peace** before the Second Coming of Christ:

- Tolerates Satan's moral perversions
- Compromises truth with lies
- Defines peace apart from those who fear God, those men with whom He is pleased
- Ignores Christ's dichotomy, in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation
- Runs contrary to Christ's statement, Do not think that I came to bring peace on the earth; I did not come to bring peace, but a sword
- Works toward nullifying God judgment, whereby He will take peace from the earth