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Greek: Eirene

Peace making which means to

'join together that which has been broken

that which has been divided

and separated

it means being at one, at peace, quietness and rest'



The thief comes only to steal and destroy;

I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

John 10:10 (NIV)



2 Corinthians 5 (MSG)

A New Life

14-15 Our firm decision is to work from this focused centre: One man died for everyone. That puts everyone in the same boat. He included everyone in his death so that everyone could also be included in his life, a resurrection life, a far better life than people ever lived on their own.

16-20 Because of this decision we don't evaluate people by what they have or how they look. We looked at the Messiah that way once and got it all wrong, as you know. We certainly don't look at him that way anymore.

Now we look inside, and what we see is that anyone united with the Messiah gets a fresh start, is created new.

The old life is gone; a new life emerges! Look at it!

All this comes from the God who settled the relationship between us and him, and then called us to settle our relationships with each other.

God put the world square with himself through the Messiah, giving the world a fresh start by offering forgiveness of sins.

God has given us the task of telling everyone what he is doing.

We're Christ's representatives.

God uses us to persuade men and women to drop their differences and enter into God's work of making things right between them.

We're speaking for Christ himself now: Become friends with God; he's already a friend with you.

21 In Christ. God put the wrong on him who never did anything wrong, so we could be put right with God.

If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, lie at peace with everyone.

Do not take revenge, dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written "It is mine to avenge; I will repay"

Romans 12:18-19 (NIV)

Don't hit back; discover beauty in everyone.

If you've got it in you, get along with everybody.

Don't insist on getting even; that's not for you to do.

"I'll do the judging," says God. "I'll take care of it."

Romans 12: 17-19 (MSG)

