



PART 5: WAR & PEACE

Reading Romans is like the experience of a man groping in a dark church tower who reaches out to grab whatever he can – and grasps the rope that rings the bell that wakes up the entire community.

~ Karl Barth

The gospel is a proclamation of peace to billions of people worn down by a lifetime spent at war.

~ Kenneth Boa

There can be no gospel unless there is such a thing as the righteousness of God for the ungodly.

~ James Denney

In Christ, the human project, begun in Adam but never completed, has been brought to its intended goal.

~ N. T. Wright

Moses was not the answer to Adam. The law did not provide a way out of the human dilemma; quite to the contrary, it made an already bad situation worse.

~ Craig C. Hill

Reconciliation is a sign of greatness.

~ Cicero

Reconciliation is indeed a sign of greatness, a sign of a great miracle. If it was practiced anywhere near as much as it is preached, both the church and the world would be far more liveable and gracious places.

~ Ben Witherington III

Those who believe in Jesus the Messiah are called to model communities, families and personal lives in which the sequence of faith, peace, suffering, patience, character and hope is lived out, sustained by the Holy Spirit's work of enabling us to know God's love and to love God in return.

~ N. T. Wright

The teaching of Scripture is sometimes like an iceberg: What is taught at the surface of the text rests on huge assumptions that lie beneath that level. Paul's teaching about Adam and Christ in Romans 5 is a classic example.

~ Douglas J. Moo

It seems clear from Romans 5, then, that the major mark of justified believers is joy, especially joy in God himself. We should be the most positive people in the world.

~ John Stott

Oops.

~ Bruxy Cavey

All that God said to Abraham, all that God accomplished in the Messiah, was done out of love, and designed to call out an answering love.

~ N. T. Wright

I am not ashamed of the gospel.

~ The Apostle Paul