

Wisdom From Above—Peaceable

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BIG SANDY, Texas—There are many sections in the Bible that describe characteristics that disciples seek to inculcate into their lives. One such section is found in James 3:17.

James 3:17—“But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.”

Today, we will discuss the subject of being peaceable.

Greek word in James 3:17

At this time, let’s focus upon the Greek word in James 3:17 translated as “peaceable.”

■ *Eirenikos* (No. 1516 in *Strong’s Concordance*) is the Greek adjective translated as “peaceable” in James 3:17. It is used in one other verse.

Hebrews 12:11—“Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.”

Variations of Greek word

Here are variations of the Greek word *eirenikos* in the New Testament.

■ *Eirenopoieo* (No. 1517 in *Strong’s Concordance*) is a verb used one time. That verse is Colossians 1:20.

Colossians 1:20—“Having made peace with the blood of His cross . . .”

■ *Eirenopoios* (No. 1518 in *Strong’s Concordance*) is an adjective used one time. That verse is Matthew 5:9.

Matthew 5:9—Blessed are the peacemakers.

■ *Eireneuo* (No. 1514 in *Strong’s Concordance*) is a verb used four times. Those verses are Mark 9:50; Romans 12:18; 2 Corinthians 13:11; and 1 Thessalonians 5:13.

Mark 9:50—“Have peace with one another.”

Romans 12:18—“If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.”

2 Corinthians 13:11—“Finally, brethren, farewell. Become complete. Be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace [No. 1514]; and the God of love and peace [No. 1515] will be with you.”

1 Thessalonians 5:13—“Be at peace among yourselves.”

■ *Eirene* (No. 1515 in *Strong’s Concordance*) is a noun used 89 times.

Following are a few of the verses.

Romans 5:1—“Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Romans 8:6—“For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.”

Romans 14:17—“For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.”

Romans 14:19—“Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another.”

Romans 15:13—“Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Philippians 4:7—“And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4:9—“The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.”

2 Thessalonians 3:16—“Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always in every way. The Lord be with you all.”

James 3:18—“Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.”