

OUTLINE IN IT TO WIN IT: A Fight to the Finish

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SHOE STORIES

"...with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace." Ephesians 6:15 (MSG)

- The antonym for peace is **CONFLICT!!!**

THE GOSPEL IS TO PEACE WHAT SATAN IS TO CONFLICT.

- There is VERTICAL conflict going on between a holy God and the sin that infects the world.
- There has been conflict on a HORIZONTAL level ever since sin entered the world,

THE GOSPEL OF PEACE SEEKS RECONCILIATION – IT DOESN'T WAIT FOR IT!

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 burgeons! 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. 2 Corinthians 5:17-20 (MSG)

"And that's about it, friends. Be cheerful. Keep things in good repair. Keep your spirits up. Think in harmony. Be agreeable. Do all that, and the God of love and peace will be with you for sure."

2 Corinthians 13:11 (MSG)

"Work at getting along with each other and with God. Otherwise you'll never get so much as a glimpse of God." Hebrews 12:14 (MSG)

"This is how I want you to conduct yourself in these matters. If you enter your place of worship and, about to make an offering, you suddenly remember a grudge a friend has against you, abandon your offering, leave immediately, go to this friend and make things right. Then and only then, come back and work things out with God." Matthew 5:23-24 (MSG)

THE GOSPEL OF PEACE EXTENDS GRACE – NOT JUDGMENT!

“Love never gives up. Love cares more for others than for self. Love doesn’t want what it doesn’t have. Love doesn’t strut, doesn’t have a swelled head, doesn’t force itself on others, isn’t always ‘me first,’ doesn’t fly off the handle, doesn’t keep score of the sins of others, doesn’t revel when others grovel, takes pleasure in the flowering of truth, puts up with anything, trusts God always, always looks for the best, never looks back, but keeps going to the end. Love never dies.” 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (MSG)