

I press on toward the finish line, where the prize waiting for me is the upward call of God IN KING JESUS. (Philippians 3:14)

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King's Peacemakers

Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be fearful (afraid, troubled). (John 14:27)

Happy (blessed) are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. (Matthew 5:9)

Wherefore, beloved, seeing that you are looking for new heavens and a new earth (new in character), give diligence, that is, hasten to be found in peace, without spot and blameless in His sight. (2 Peter 3:13-14)

Seek peace and pursue it. (1 Peter 3:11)

And shod your feet with the preparation (readiness) of the gospel (good news) of Peace... (Ephesians 6:15)

The common theme of these verses is obviously that of peace. Jesus made it quite clear that His people are to be peacemakers, which is the character of a son of God. The disciples and apostles picked up this theme and stressed it throughout their writings. We are even told that the embryonic *ekklesia enjoyed peace* (Acts 9:31). Further, the book of Hebrews tells us that, according to the order of Melchizedek, Jesus is the ***King of Righteousness and of Peace*** (7:2).

Over the years, some commentators and preachers have referred to the church as the “militant” church. On a spiritual level, one could argue that this is true, but only if it is seen from Paul’s perspective that the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, meaning they are not of guns or other weapons. Consequently, this is often used in reference to prayer warfare.

Personally, I do not like the word “militant” attached to the Lord’s *ekklesia* and I have never used it in any of my writings. The reason is because it is contrary to our calling as peacemakers. If anything, the church should be called the “peacemaking” church or the “called-out ones of peace”. Peace (along with [Light, Life, Love](#)) conquers darkness. So, we must never engage darkness with darkness!

What is of concern and the reason for this short paper is that some Christian websites are telling people to stock up on guns and ammunition. One such site recently stated that it is all about God and guns. I wrote about (actually against) this years ago (no longer posted). Such thinking comes from what could be called ***old covenant, Christian nationalism*** that defies the true nature of the Kingdom of God and our transference into it. We who have the faith of the Son of God are of another realm and we are to live our days as a reflection of that realm until heaven openly manifests on earth and we manifest as sons of God in it.

It cannot be stressed enough: do not go the way of pushing guns in the name of Jesus. This is **fighting darkness with darkness**. I don't endorse guns (or: war), but if one feels the necessity for such a thing, then justify it on some other ground. Too many times, the name of Jesus is injected into man's fleshly efforts as a justification. Our mission is to lift up Jesus, especially in the midst of times that are contrary to His character as the King of Peace. His kingdom is not of this realm. Consider this expanded verse.

Jesus decidedly replied, "My kingdom (the realm of My reign) is not (does not exist being) from out of this system (world of organized government, culture, economics or religion) as its source or origin. If My kingdom was being from out of this system (world), as a source or origin, My subordinates (deputies; those under My orders) would have been progressively contending, struggling and fighting, to the end that I could (or: would) not be given over to the Jews. But now (= as a matter of fact, or, as it is) My kingdom is not (does not exist being) from that source (from within this place; thence or hence)." (John 18:36 JM-NT)

One of the reasons I am so adamant about being a peacemaker goes back to a dream that came on **January 31, 2014**. This is shared in [War of Peace](#). Here is an excerpt.

I was in a war, but it was not a typical one with people being killed; it was called a *WAR OF PEACE*. At first, this seemed rather strange to me, for we normally do not think of war in this way. We might think of fighting a war *for* peace but not fighting a war *of* peace. At one point, I was told that I have been raised up for this war and have a critical part in it, not as a typical soldier with guns blazing but as a peacemaker who stands and withstands in Christ, the Conqueror of all—the Prince of Peace who has won peace for all mankind and all creation. ... (I suspect that I stood representatively for a larger company of brethren; meaning it was not about me, per se, but about a company of peacemakers.)

Some other interesting things occurred with this dream; if interested, go to the above link. The message: we are called to be peacemakers and to wage the *War of Peace*. The peace of God wins every time; we can count on it. Let's stand strong in the strength of His might and battle in spirit, not in flesh. It's time to shod our feet for the sake of the good news.