**CREEKSIDE’S TEACHING NOTES** forSunday, November 20, 2016

**RELATIONAL INTELLIGENCE**

**6 Keys to Relational Health**

Part 5 – Our Primary Response - PEACE

Romans 12:18

**If it is possible, as far as it depends on you,**

**ive at peace with everyone.**

Romans 12:18 NIV

**Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.**

Romans 12:18 NLT

**“Blessed are the peace makers**

**for they shall be called the children of God.”**

Matthew 5:9

**Peace makers are not . . .**

 **Peace lovers** . . . everyone loves peace

 **Peaceable people** . . . those never disturbed by anything

 **Avoiding conflict people** . . . running, pretending its all ok.

 **Appeasement people** . . . giving in, acting like a doormat

**THERE IS A PRICE TO PAY FOR PEACE.**

**1. PEACE WITH GOD:**

**Once you were far away from God, but now you have been brought near to him through the blood of Christ.**

**For Christ himself has brought peace to us. He united Jews and Gentiles into one people when, in his own body on the cross, he broke down the wall of hostility that separated us. He did this by ending the system of law with its commandments and regulations. He made peace between Jews and Gentiles by creating in himself one new people from the two groups. Together as one body, Christ reconciled both groups to God by means of his death on the cross, and our hostility toward each other was put to death. He brought this Good News of peace to you Gentiles who were far away from him, and peace to the Jews who were near. Now all of us can come to the Father through the same Holy Spirit because of what Christ has done for us.**

Ephesians 2:13-22

**Therefore, since we have been declared righteous by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Romans 5:1

**2. PEACE OF GOD:**

**… the peace of God, which surpasses every thought, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.**

Philippians 4:6-7

**HOW DO WE EXPERIENCE THIS PEACE?**

• We Must Obey God

**Abundant peace belongs to those who love Your instruction; nothing makes them stumble . . . I obey Your decrees and love them greatly.”**

Psalm 119:165, 167

• We Must Focus on God’s Presence

**You will keep in perfect peace the mind (that is) dependent (on You), for it is trusting in you.**

Isaiah 26:3

• We Must Trust God’s Purposes

**Trust in the LORD with all your heart, ,and do not rely on your own undertstanding; think about him in all your ways, and he will guide you on the right paths.**

Proverbs 3:5-6

• We Must Ask God for It

**Don’t worry about anything, but in everything through prayer and petititon with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses every thought, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.**

Philippians 4:6-7

First prayer and then peace.

**3. PEACE WITH OTHERS:**

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

Romans 12:18

We can’t avoid all conflicts.

We can’t make everyone like us.

But from our end,

we can live at peace with everyone.

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