

*“If it is possible, as much
as depends on you, live
peaceably with all men.”*

(Romans 12:18)

*“Therefore let us pursue
the things which make
for peace and the things
by which one may edify
another.”*

(Romans 14:19)

“For I fear lest, when I come, I shall not find you such as I wish, and that I shall be found by you such as you do not wish; lest there be contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, backbitings, whisperings, conceits, tumults...”

(2 Corinthians 12:20)

*“Finally, brethren,
farewell. Become
complete. Be of good
comfort, be of one mind,
live in peace; and the
God of love and peace
will be with you.”*

(2 Corinthians 13:11)

*“I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord,
beseech you to walk worthy of the calling
with which you were called, with all
lowliness and gentleness, with
longsuffering, bearing with one another in
love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the
Spirit in the bond of peace.”*

(Ephesians 4:1-3)

*“And let the peace of
God rule in your hearts,
to which also you were
called in one body; and
be thankful.”*

(Colossians 3:15)

*“By this all will know
that you are My
disciples, if you have love
for one another.”*

(John 13:35)

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From Where Does Our Peace and Unity Come?



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- **Our unity is based on the fact we all did the SAME thing to worship the SAME God in the SAME way and we are headed to the SAME place (Ephesians 4:4-6)**

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*Discord should not come from
what divides us, but peace
comes from what has united us.*

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“...that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.”

(John 17:21)

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“I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.”

(John 17:23)

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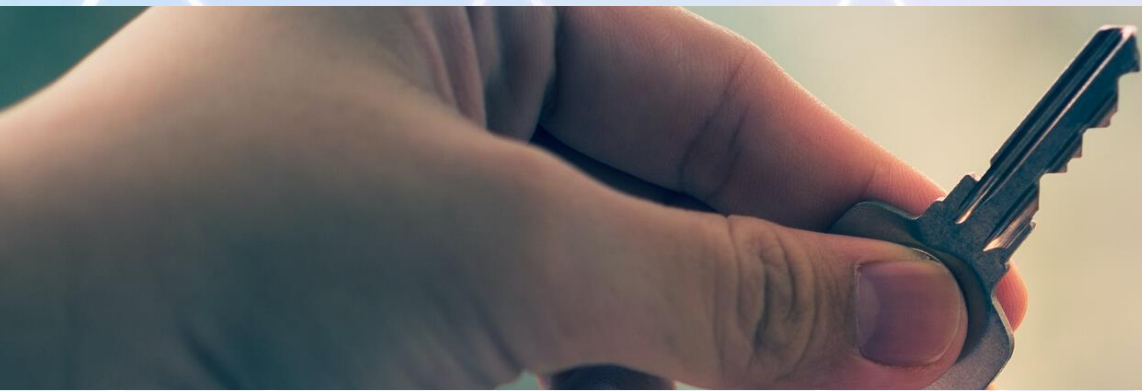
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“...and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.” (Colossians 1:20)

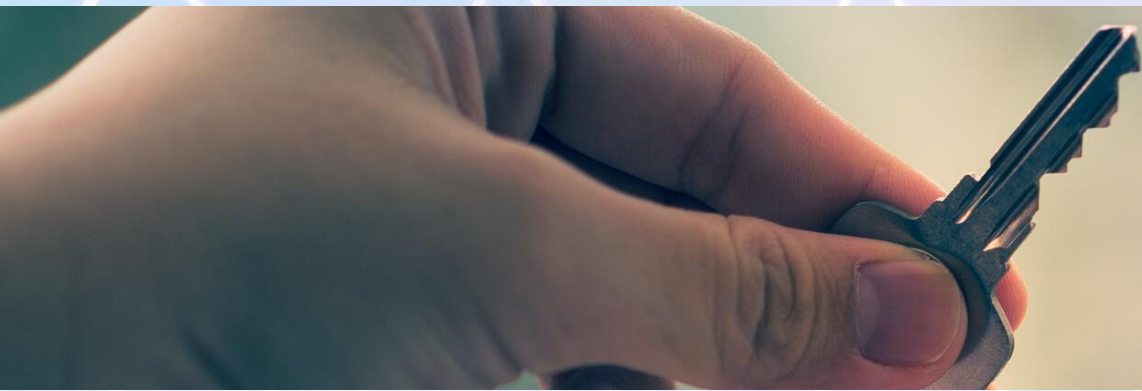
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The Keys to Peace



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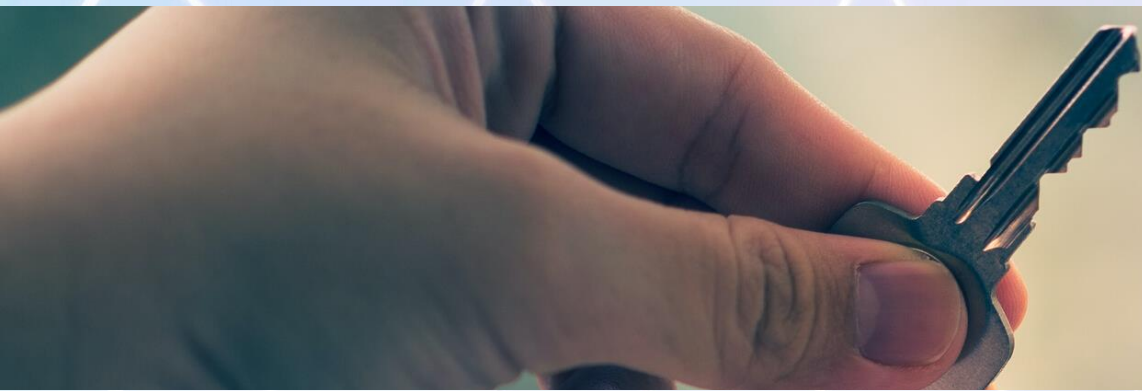


The Keys to Peace

- **Humility**
 - Allows us to see/listen to others rather than self

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(Ephesians 4:2-3)*

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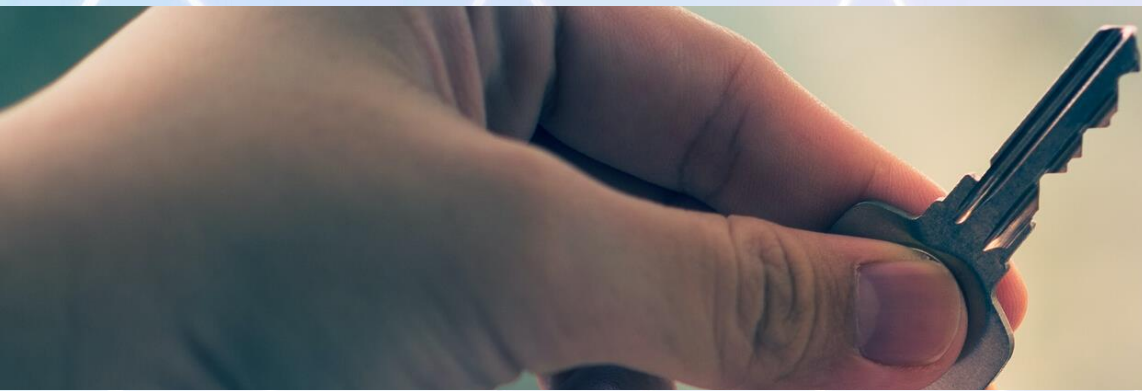


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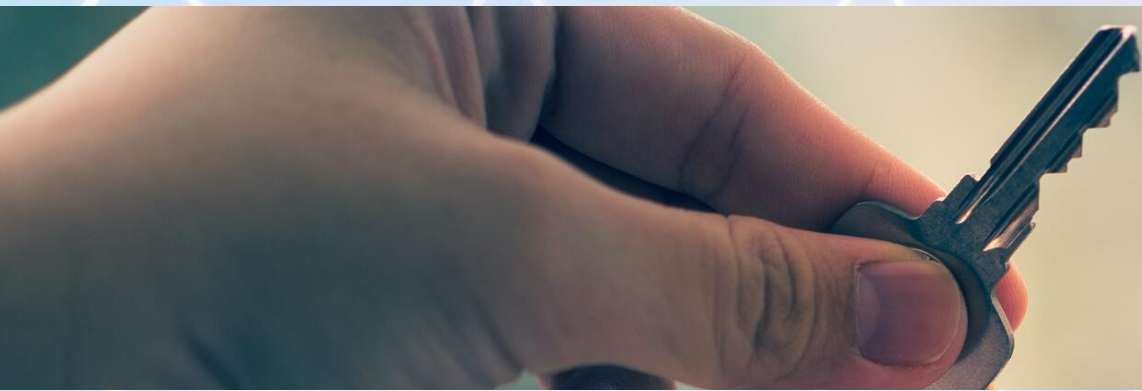
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■ **Gentleness**

- Humility in action
- Acting in a controlled way; handling carefully
- 2 Corinthians 2:7-8

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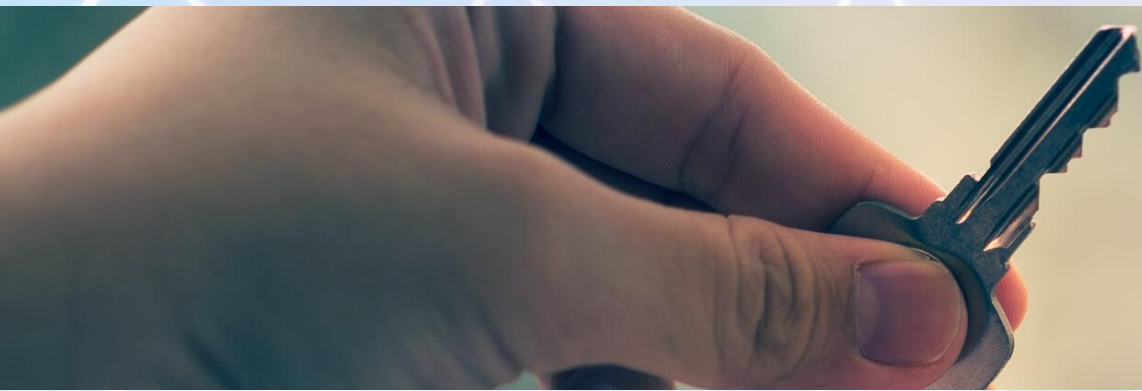


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 - Suggestions:
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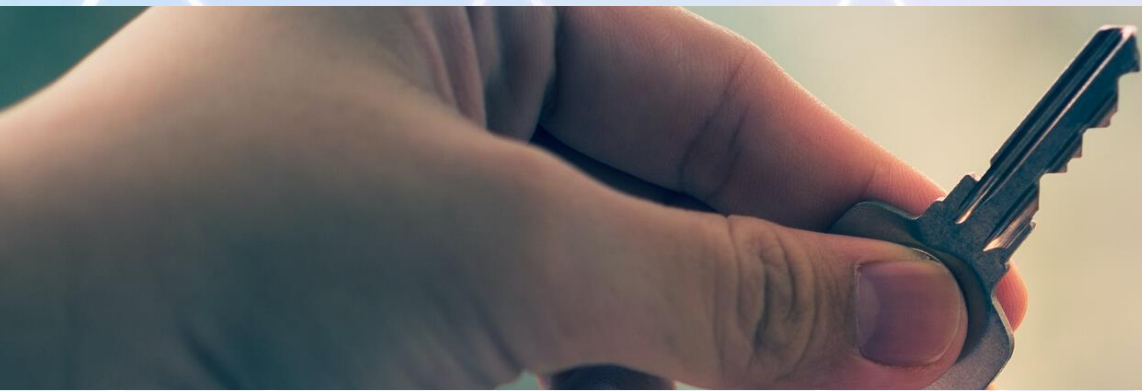
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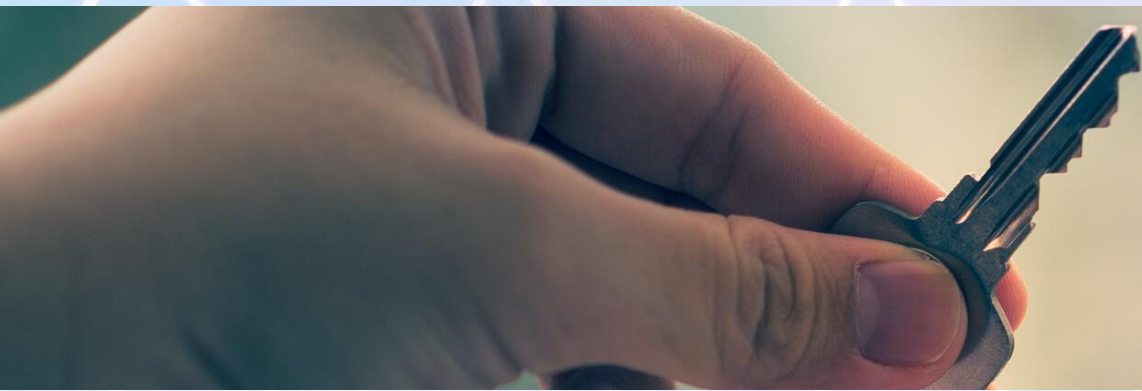


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 - **Don't always say what you think (2 Corinthians 13:10)**

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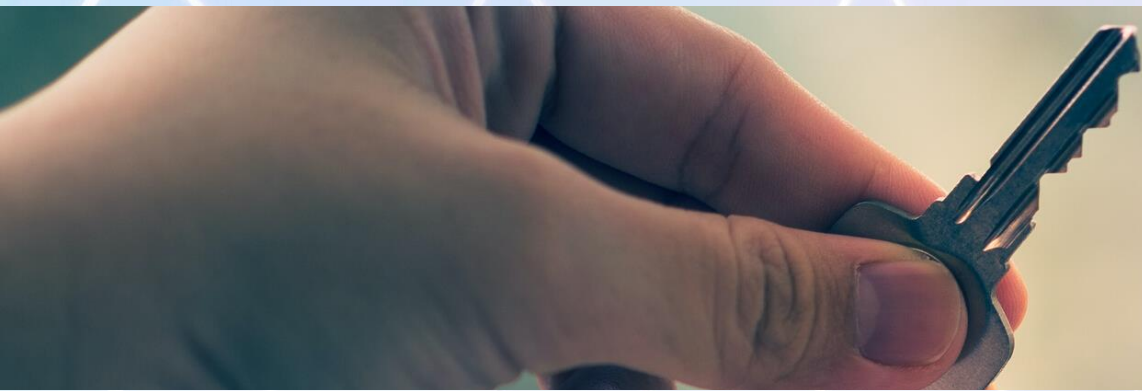


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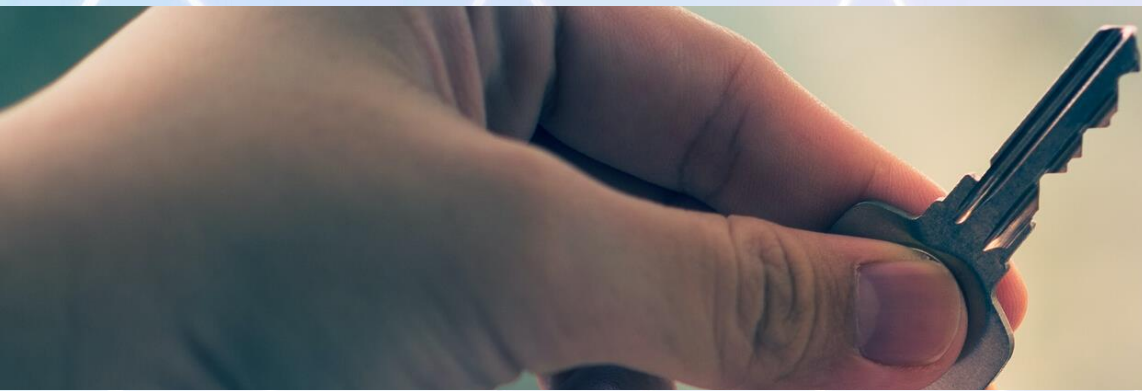


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- **Patience**
 - Not easily provoked
 - Magnify the strength of brethren; not their weaknesses

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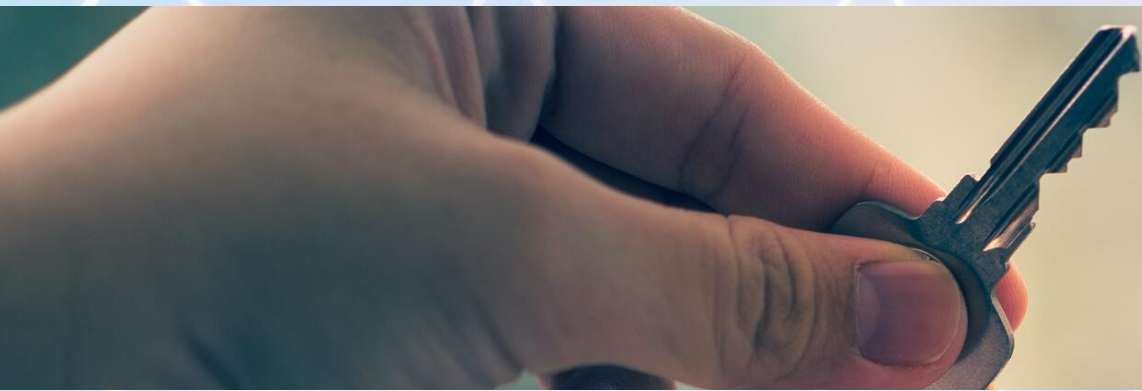
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▪ **Patience**

- Bear insult or injury without bitterness or complaint

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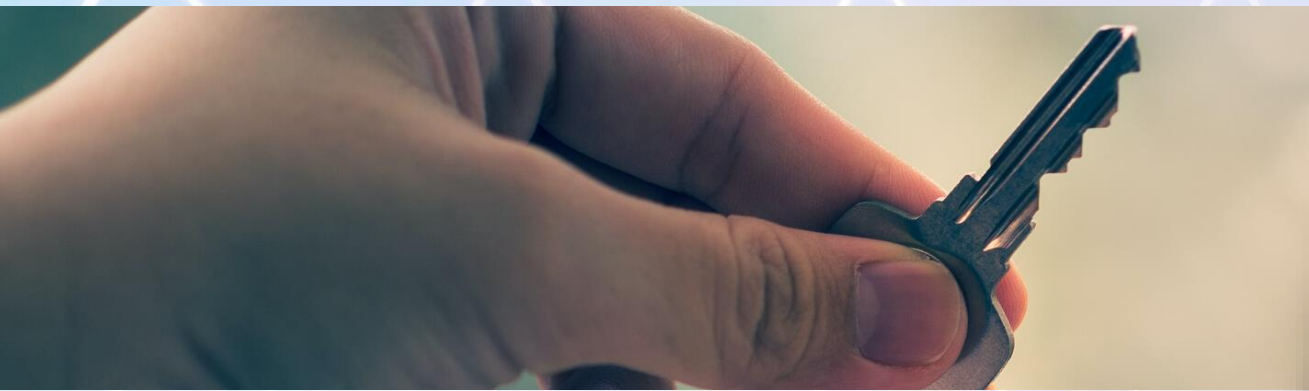


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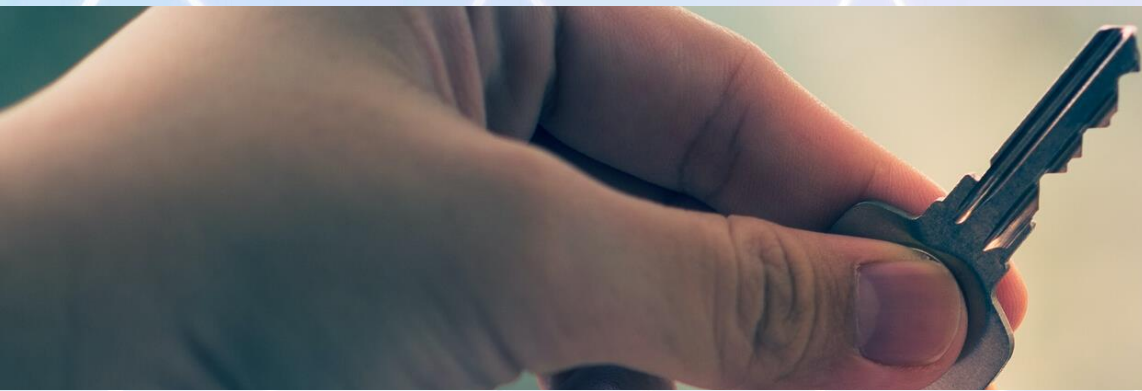
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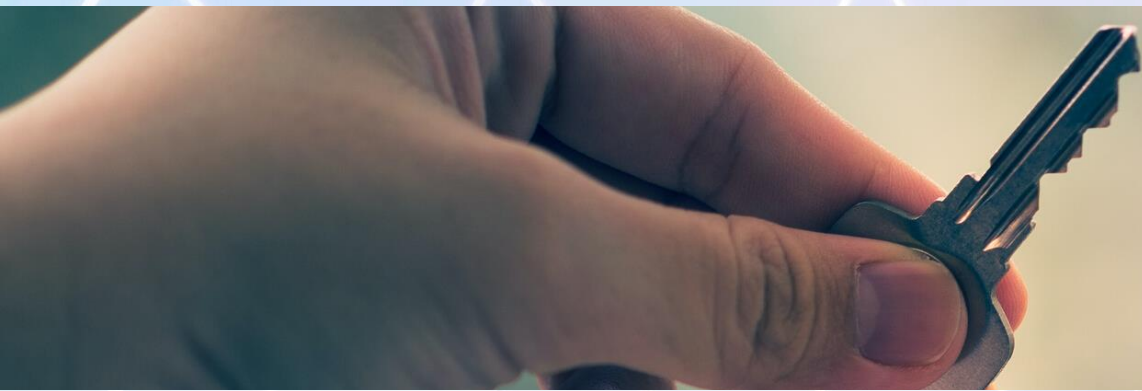


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- **Bearing with One Another**
 - Unconquerable good will
 - Always seeking the best for others

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The Keys to Peace

- **“Eager to Maintain the Unity”**
 - Endeavoring; working
 - Literally, “to take pains”

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Where does our peace come from?
Jesus Christ!

Why is peace so important to the local church?

- *It tells how important Jesus is*
- *It was bought by Christ blood*

How do we maintain peace?

- *Lowliness*
- *Gentleness*
- *Longsuffering*
- *Bearing with one another*
- *Working*

