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*All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.*

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Beware Of What You Start

People devise things that eventually come back to, as we often say, haunt them, bite them, or backfire on them.

Whoever digs a pit will fall into it, and he who rolls a stone will have it roll back on him. (**Proverbs 26:27**)

David said the wicked ...

... made a pit and dug it out, and has fallen into the ditch which he made. His trouble shall return upon his own head, And his violent dealing shall come down on his own crown. (**Psalms 7:15-16**)

As Jesus said:

"All who take the sword will perish by the sword." (**Matthew 26:52**)

Truly, "An angry man stirs up strife, and a furious man abounds in transgression" (**Proverbs 29:22**). Whether "road rage" or "street fighting," beware of what you start, you may get finished.

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### **Gospel Of Peace**

God told David:

"Behold, a son shall be born to you, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies all around. His name shall be Solomon, for I will give peace and quietness to Israel in his days."  
(**1 Chronicles 22:9**)

Politicians don't make peace, God does! God promised His Son would be "the Prince of Peace" (**Isaiah 9:6**). When the Gospel of Christ was preached in Corinth,

Many of the Corinthians, hearing, believed and were baptized.  
(**Acts 18:8**)

Paul reminded them,

For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body -- whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free--and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. (**1 Corinthians 12:13**)

Following God's teaching is the only way of peace, either in government or religion!

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Church Of Peace

When Jesus Christ said,

"Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God."
(**Matthew 5:9**)

He meant it. Christians do not participate in religious Crusades, beheading unbelievers, campaigns of bombings and slaughters, or racial riots. Jesus is echoed with:

Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another. (**Romans 14:19**)

Disciples of Jesus' teaching are neither race-haters nor race-baiters. Domestic disputes with family, friends, neighbors, workers, or corporations are settled by applying:

If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.
(**Romans 12:18**)

[Jesus said,] "Preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved." (**Mark 16:15-16**)

Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. (**James 3:18**)

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**When Bad Things Happen**

When bad things happen, the Devil has influenced many people to ask: "Why did God do this, or let this happen?" The Devil, not God, does evil things.

For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, Nor shall evil dwell with You (**Psalms 5:4**),

There is no unrighteousness in Him. (**Psalms 92:15**)

Instead, God is "not willing that any should perish but that all should come to

repentance" (**2 Peter 3:9**).

'As I live,' says the Lord GOD, 'I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live.' (**Ezekiel 33:11**)

The King of Nineveh understood that God wanted their repentance, for he asked:

"Who can tell if God will turn and relent, and turn away from His fierce anger, so that we may not perish?" (**Jonah 3:9**)

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Let's Come Together

When tragedy strikes, whether natural (such as tornado, hurricane, earthquake, or volcano), man-made (such as automobile wrecks, construction failures, or industrial disasters), or evil-doings (such as mass murders, beheadings, rapes, abuse or neglect of children, or abortions), people call for everyone to "come together" and share in the grief and concern. Isn't that what the church of Christ is all about? Those who obey the Gospel of Christ are added to His church for worship of God and fellowship with one another.

For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.
(**1 Corinthians 12:13**)

But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. (**1 John 1:7**)

It's as close as your Bible!

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