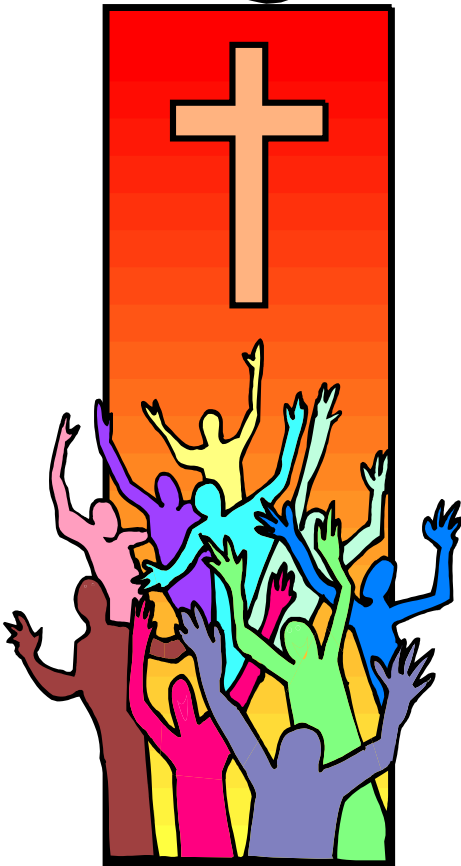
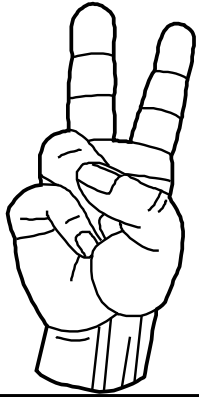


KEEPING PEACE IN THE CHURCH

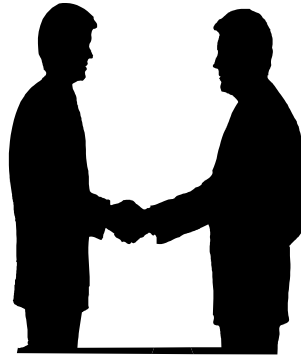
Ephesians 4:1-3



= Peace



= Victory



**= Peacemakers are
people who pursue
peace as the victory
over conflict!**

PEACEMAKERS

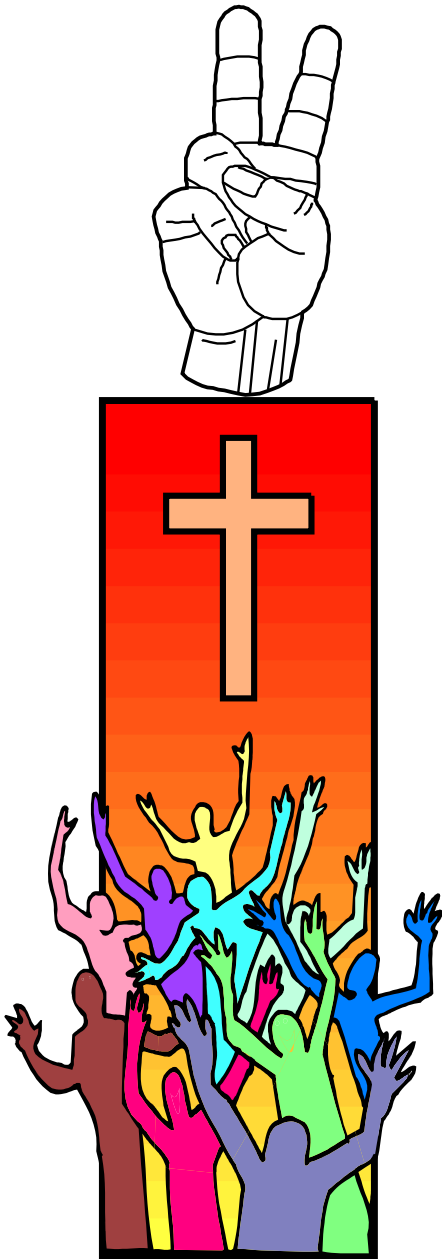
Theme Verses

Jesus said, “Blessed are the *peacemakers*, for they shall be called sons of God.”

- Matthew 5:9

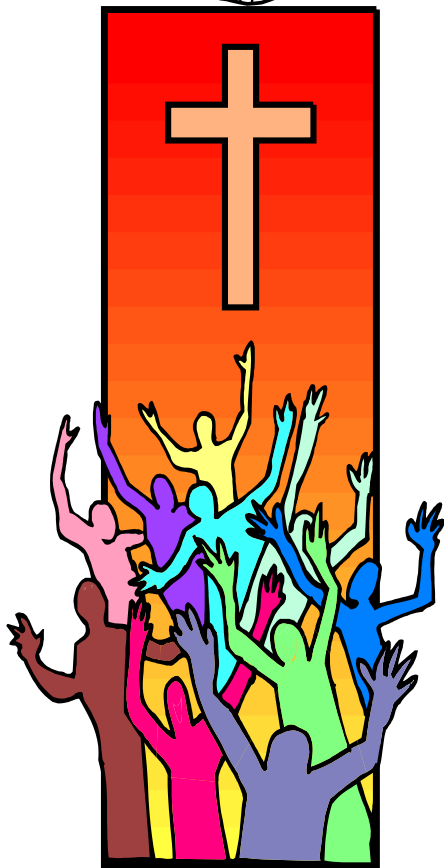
“If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live *peaceably* with all men.”

- Romans 12:18



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Definitions



“PEACE” (Greek *eirene*) means
“harmony; welfare;
and reconciliation”

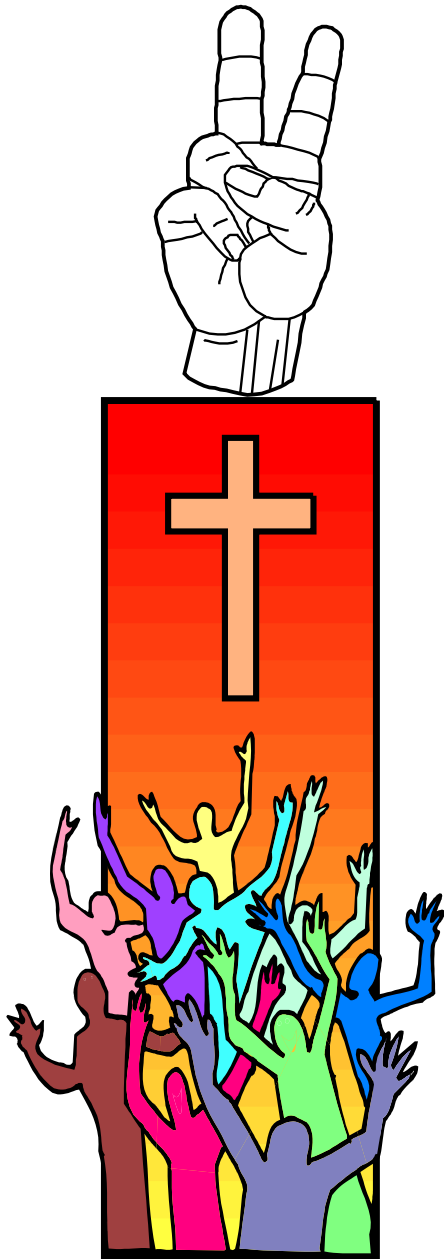
Also...“remain silent”

“CONFLICT” (Greek *agon*) means
“struggle; anxiety;
and fighting”

Also...“quarreling”

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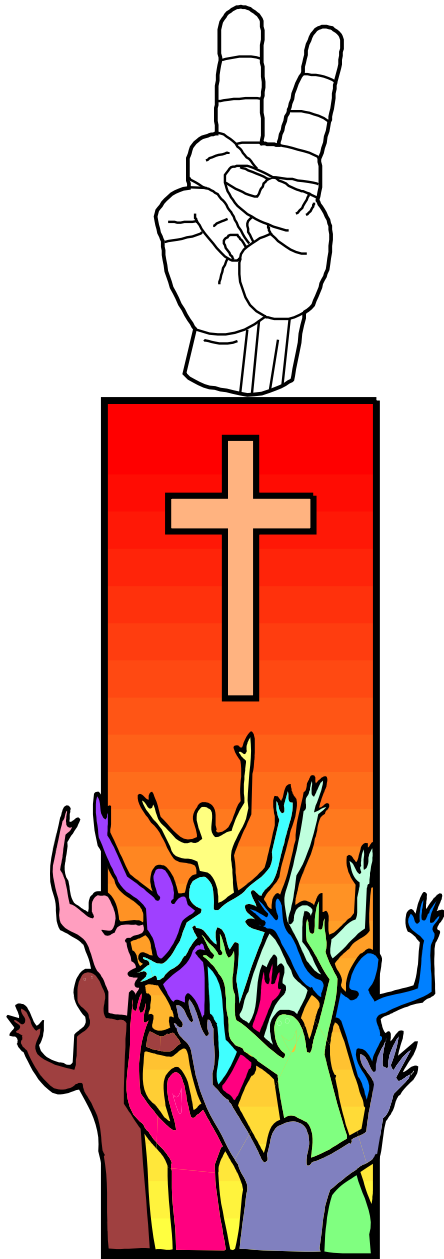
The Need



- **Conflict is among the top three reasons for personal anxiety, even among Christians!**
- **Family fights reported in 75% of all homes, even Christian homes!**
- **Divorce rate of 35% reported among couples claiming to be Christians!**
- **Reports of 19,000 major church conflicts last year (average of 50 per week)!**

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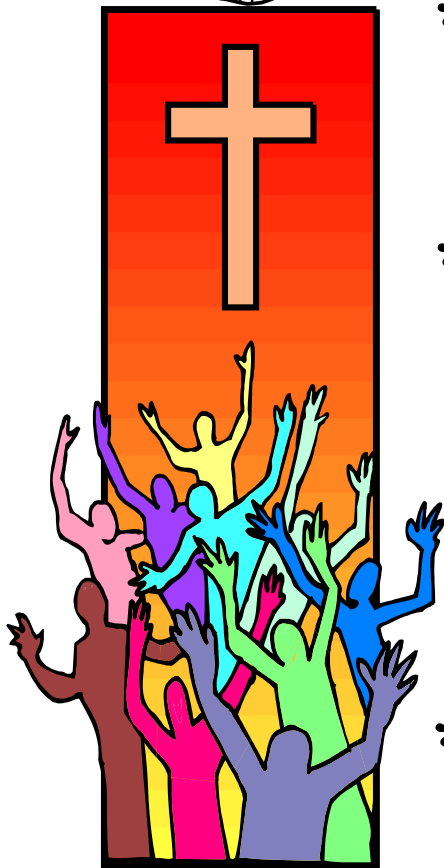
Causes of Conflict



- 1. Misunderstandings from poor communication! (Gen. 32:6-8; 33:8-10)**
- 2. Differences in opinions, goals, expectations, etc.! (Acts 15:37-40)**
- 3. Competition over limited time and money! (Gen. 13:1-12)**
- 4. Sinful attitudes that lead to sinful actions! (James 4:1-2)**

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Pursuing Peace



- * **Glorify God** - Seek to glorify God by being a peacemaker! (1 Cor. 10:31)
- * **Get the log out of your own eye** - Admit your own faults! (Matt. 7:5)
 - * **Gently restore** - Help others to repent and be restored! (Gal. 6:1)
- * **Go and be reconciled** - Be ready to forgive and be forgiven! (Eph.4:31-32)