

v. 14-- The people of the world, who are captives, without the salvation of Christ, will see Christ's peace in us and be turned to Him.

v. 15-- Sometimes it seems when things go wrong, that God is "hiding", but He certainly is with us always!! (Matthew 28:20)

v. 16 --Those people who are of this world and think material things important, are inevitably confused without the peace of Christ.

v. 17-- But we are saved by Him and have the peace of Christ by the Holy Spirit.

v. 18-- He made the earth to be inhabited by those in His image and likeness, and not to be desolate, not to be inhabited by people who are spiritually dead--He wants all people alive in the Spirit.

v. 19-- God has never hidden His Words--Nor His love!!

v. 20-- He wants us to gather together--we that are disconnected from this world, and have our eyes on Him. The people of this world don't realize that God gave them everything and they think first of the things of this world, and ignore Him who made these things for them, and will also save their souls!!

v. 21-- We are to tell these people--spread the Good News, and bring them to Christ. Let them look at it and discuss where these things of this world really come from. When they open their hearts, they will see the Truth, that...

v. 22-- The only way to be saved is through Christ.

v. 23-25-- God has sworn by Himself--He did this when He made the covenant with Abraham--He is the greatest power, therefore one cannot swear by anything bigger--we can be sure it will happen exactly as He says--Every promise in the Word--Everything He ever told us in our Spirits--It all can and will happen--It can't be any other way!!

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v. 1-2-- People put their pleasures in material things. They become as idols. It speaks of loading beasts of burden with idols. We load and clutter our lives with possessions, entertainment, etc., and our lives begin to stoop, slow down, slip, as the beast under the weight of the load, and we are lost, as the beasts who are taken into captivity because they couldn't make any speed with such a burden. We can't gain in our relationship with Christ when we take our time and energy on such things, and we fall into the captivity of Satan drawing us farther and farther from God.