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WHAT IS PEACE?

WHAT IS CONCORD?

There are many voices making many conflicting claims.
Many who claim to promote peace are at war with each other.

There is peace when all agree. Unfortunately that never totally occurs. Agreement can be forced. The extreme example I call the Peace of Auschwitz. Hitler, Stalin sought such a peace. Some the name of Jesus try to force everyone to walk according to their interpretation of His will. Crusading for that peace is also the Islamic "jihad".

There is another peace. Shalom / Salaam (same root), in English, harmony. It is seen when the whole orchestra of humanity blends diverse voices and multiple words together. "Concordia" not "Pax" is the Latin word for that peace. The God of Scripture claims to have created every tribe, every language, every nation. He is God over all. He makes every individual unique. No one He creates is defective in His sight. Some are challenges to others, tests of mercy, compassion, wisdom and love. Some are given surplus, some too little. As His people care for one another, they reveal His presence. He gives us the honor of being instruments of His peace, bringing concord, making harmony, beautiful music. It is the "Peace of God" that passes understanding.

Harmony is in opposition to uniformity. There is spiritual warfare. There is no middle ground. When harmony seems to be leading to discord, chaos, we want uniformity. When uniformity seems oppressive we resist. Some voices claiming to be promoting harmony feel oppressive. Concord is when all respect the God given, inalienable rights, of all others. It will not fully be realized. It must be sought by making changes in society, government, laws, that reduce the effects of injury and promote the common welfare. The Tax proposal in this folder is an attempt at promoting concord. By the way. For what we pay per inmate, we could make a job for each one at good wages and save money - taxes. Some would do less crime. They would spend their money and the economy would skyrocket.

Pray for Peace - Concord, It is Gift of God. Gifts given to those who seek them.

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Soli Deo Gloria

He died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves,
but for him who died and was raised for them. 2 Cor. 5:15

"If you want Peace, seek Justice for all"