

Kailua Christian Church Sunday Message
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Peace

God's Gift of Forgiveness For Living in Peace

"When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After He said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, so I send you." ²² When He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." John 20:19-23

God's Gift of Forgiveness For Living in Peace comes with...

I. Purpose greater than our fears, doubts and struggles

"Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, so I send you." John 20:21

What have or are you learning from God of His purpose in your struggles?

II. Strength greater than our own

"When He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit." John 20:22

When have you been surprised by God's strength to go through hard times?

III. The choice to live in peace by giving the peace of forgiveness to others.

"If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." John 20: 23

Who is someone you can choose to ask for God's help to come to peace with through forgiveness?