



RACIAL JUSTICE

A PRACTICE OF OBNOXIOUS PEACE

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Obnoxious Peace: How to be an Antiracist

For Christ himself has brought peace to us. He united Jews and Gentiles into one people when, in his own body on the cross, he broke down the wall of hostility that separated us. (Ephesians 2:14)

Intro: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. preached a sermon at Dexter Avenue Baptist church in Montgomery, AL on March 29, 1956. During this sermon Dr. King condemns what he called a false, “obnoxious” peace. Essentially, Dr. King insists that peace “is not merely the absence of some negative force—war, tension, confusion, but it is the presence of some positive force—justice, goodwill, the power of the kingdom of God.”

Dr. King goes on to issue FOUR main thoughts about the “obnoxious peace” he doesn’t want. Let us pray through each one of these by asking the Spirit of God the same TWO questions for each thought.

Humbly invite the Spirit of God to minister to you, breathe deep, and begin:

1) “If peace means accepting second-class citizenship, I don’t want it.”

- God, what do You want me to know about this?
- God, what do You want me to do?

2) “If peace means keeping my mouth shut in the midst of injustice and evil, I don’t want it.”

- God, what do You want me to know about this?
- God, what do You want me to do?

3) “If peace means being complacently adjusted to a deadening status quo, I don’t want peace.”

- God, what do You want me to know about this?
- God, what do You want me to do?

4) “If peace means a willingness to be exploited economically, dominated politically, humiliated and segregated, I don’t want peace. So in a passive, non-violent manner, we must revolt against this peace.”

- God, what do You want me to know about this?
- God, what do You want me to do?

