

Agosti 5, 2018

Amani inayoponya

### Waefeso 2:11-22

*Kanisa sio mahali ambapo washirika wanaingia, lakini badala yake ni kaya ambapo Mungu anachagua kuishi. Watu wanaoishi pamoja baada ya uadui huunda aina ya jamii ambayo Mungu hukaa. Paulo anaelezea amani ya Kristo kama kuunganisha "makundi mawili kwa Mungu" (mstari wa 16) Tunadhani upatanisho unahusisha vyama viwili. Tunahau machafuko ya kibinadamu husababisha kutengana zaidi kuliko uadui kati ya jamaa, makabila, na mataifa. Wanatutenga na Mungu. Kuungana kwetu kwa Kristo kunatuunganisha sio tu kwa kila mmoja. Ni njia ya ushirika wetu na Mungu (E. Searcy, 2009).*

*Mungu aliona uvunjaji wetu na alitaka kutupunguza kutoka kwao-bali tu kwa ushirikiano wetu. Mungu hatatuchubutu au kutukodhi, lakini anataka kutukomboa kwa ajili yetu wenyewe. Biblia ni hadithi ya jaribio la Mungu la kufanya upatanisho, na kutuleta kwa hali yetu ya uhusiano. Mungu alikuwa, katika Kristo, akiifatanisha ulimwengu na Yeye mwenyewe. Kila mmoja wetu anaitwa kuwa mshirika wa Mungu katika kazi hii ya haki na upatanisho (J. Buchanan, 2003).*

Kwa sababu ya Kristo, tuna kazi ya ujasiri ya kuingia katika hali ngumu, kwa sababu Kristo ameanzisha amani tayari. Kwa sababu ya kazi Yake ya kuunganisha ndani yetu, tunaweza kuingilia kati na kuendelea katika maeneo magumu, kujua Kristo mwenyewe ataingilia kati.

Je! Maeneo gani karibu na sisi yanahitaji upatanisho?

Ni nani atakayehimizwa na uwepo wetu / uaminifu?

Je, Yesu anatuletea karibu nasi, kwa hiyo watakutana naye?

**Wiki ijayo:** *Wamisionari, LuVerne & Rachel Ward, S. Afrika*

August 5, 2018

Peace that Heals

### Ephesians 2:11-22

*The Church is not a place for parishioners to come into, but instead they are the household where God chooses to live. People who live together after hostility form the kind of community in which God abides. Paul describes Christ's peace as reconciling "both groups to God" (vs. 16) We imagine reconciliation involves two parties. We forget human schisms cause an even greater separation than the hostility between clans, tribes, and nations. They alienate us from God. Our reunion in Christ reunites us not only with one another. It is the path to our reunion with God (E. Searcy, 2009).*

*God saw our brokenness and sought to extricate us from it—but only with our cooperation. God will not cajole or bully us, but wants to woo us for our own sakes. The Bible is the story of God's attempt to effect atonement, bringing us back to our intended condition of relatedness. God was, in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself. Each of us is called to be an ally of God in this work of justice and reconciliation (J. Buchanan, 2003).*

Because of Christ, we have a bold assignment to engage in difficult situations, because Christ has already established peace. Because of His reconciling work in us, we can interrupt and linger in hard places, knowing Christ Himself will intervene.

What places near us need reconciliation?

Who would be encouraged by our presence/faithfulness?

Who is Jesus bringing near to us, so they will meet Him?

**Next week:** *Missionaries, LuVerne & Rachel Ward, S. Africa*

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**MASOMO YA MAANDIKO YA WIKI HII:**

**Leo:** *Zaburi 105 (Mungu anakuambia nini?)*

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**Jumatatu:** *Kumbukumbu la Torati 7: 6-14*

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**Jumanne:** *Kutoka 16: 1-21*

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**Jumatano:** *Warumi 8: 31-39*

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**Alhamisi:** *2 Wakorintho 5: 16-21*

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**Ijumaa:** *Wakolosai 1: 1-14*

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**Jumamosi:** *Ufunuo 19: 1-10*

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Mungu Mwenye nguvu, tuma mwanga wa Mwana wako katika maisha yetu upya leo. Hebu uwepo wako uweze kugusa mawazo na mioyo yetu kwa rehema yako, neema, na kweli. Eleza mawazo yetu, maneno, na hatua hadi mwisho ili tuweze kutembea kwa njia yako leo na daima. Na tuwe mawakala wa amani yako. Katika Jina la Kristo, Amen.

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**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK:**

**Today:** *Psalm 105 (What is God saying to you?)*

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**Monday:** *Deuteronomy 7:6-14*

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**Tuesday:** *Exodus 16:1-21*

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**Wednesday:** *Romans 8:31-39*

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**Thursday:** *2 Corinthians 5:16-21*

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**Friday:** *Colossians 1:1-14*

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**Saturday:** *Revelation 19:1-10*

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Almighty God, send the light of Your Son into our lives anew today. Let Your presence touch our minds and hearts with Your mercy, grace, and truth. Direct our thoughts, words, and steps to the end that we may walk in Your way today and always. May we be agents of Your peace. In the Name of Christ, Amen.