

## We are the Instruments of Christ's Peace

A good approach to spirituality for each one of us would be, to focus on what it means for us to be an instrument of Christ's peace, for this world. If we don't bring Christ's peace to this world, who will?

We have been gifted and called by God at baptism to first, accept the means for true and lasting peace from Christ; and then, to help others to find that peace by sharing all that we have received from Christ with them. In fact, the more we share the knowledge, faith, hope, mercy, truth, etc., which we have received from God, in Christ, with others, not only will they be more at peace, but we will experience more peace ourselves. That is what it means to be an instrument of Christ's peace to the world.

There is no peace possible for anyone from any other source to compare with the deep contentment or peace, which a good open instrument for Christ will possess, even in the midst of this troubled world. To be a good instrument for peace means to recognize that what every person needs most of all is Christ; if there is to be peace in any family, city, workplace, country, or in any place where there are people.

The instrument must always be humble and honest enough to realize that every good thing or ability that he possesses comes from God, in order to remain open to receive what is needed to possess Christ's peace within himself.

We can't give what we don't have; and nothing will impoverish us spiritually more rapidly than pride or presumption. When we think we can make peace without Christ's help, then we have lost the ability to keep ourselves in Christ's peace, and if we can't help ourselves, then we'll be no good to anyone else.

To be a good instrument, a person must be generous. He must wish to give everything he has to help others. The instrument expands and grows the more it receives; and it is mostly by giving, that a person gains greater ability and capacity to receive. "*The measure with which you measure will be measured out to you, and still more will be given to you.*" Mk. 4:24

Begin to enjoy Christ's heavenly peace now, and, with Christ, really enjoy God and the things of God. "*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.*" Mt. 5:9