



Go Along to Get Along
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Hebrews 12:14-29

“Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord”
(Hebrews 12:14).

Some people “Go along to get along;” they conform to pressures from culture, society, those nearest to them, or those they want to impress. Going along to get along is not the same as making every effort to live in peace with everyone, especially when going along involves turning from God. Holiness is the biblical standard of behavior that God expects from everyone. Therefore, we must not sacrifice holiness to get along with someone or “to keep the peace.” Holiness of life and thought can be the only basis for everlasting peace, especially if we want to see the Lord. The Apostle Paul wrote: “If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone” (Romans 12:18). We might say, “If it is possible for you to remain holy in word and deed and it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.” Paul also wrote: “Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification (or ‘to build each other up’)” (Romans 14:19). Only holiness by word and example can truly edify someone or build someone up. The Apostle Peter wrote:

1. How does the writer describe the experience of those who came to God in the time of Moses under the old covenant?

2. How does the writer describe the experience of those who come to God since the coming of Jesus Christ under the new covenant?

3. What does the writer say that should make believers think of heaven as a happy place?

4. How does the writer warn people not to reject Jesus?

5. Read Hebrews 12:28 again. How should believers approach God? Why?

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