Did you know that God has called us to a life of up-building; that we are His chosen vessels to such a grand purpose?

In the divinely established principle of contrasts – where all about us is constant conflict, division, strife, contention, hatred, judgment, rejection, and a tearing down – we are His contrasting instruments of reconciliation, peace, love, grace, acceptance, and a building up.

Paul lays out our divine course – following peace and edifying each other. Obviously we are not to do so to the detriment of truth – for there can be no true peace or building apart from the truth – but we are to be in constant pursuit of peace and edification; they are to be our lofty aim. Opposition to the truth is divisive enough on its own; so, Paul pleads that we must actively seek out the divine path of peace and building up.

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