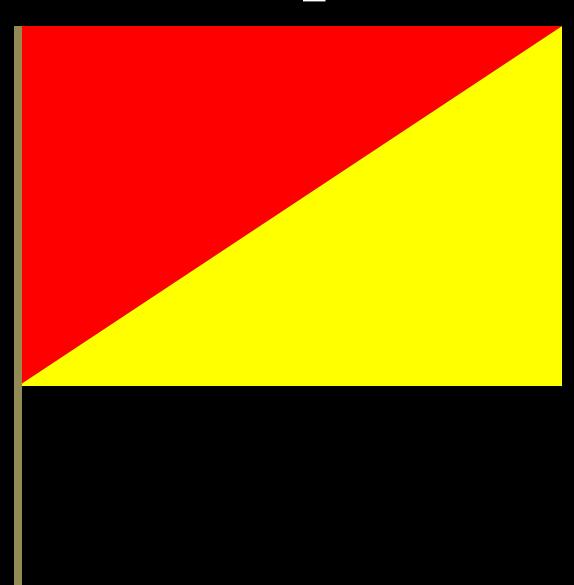
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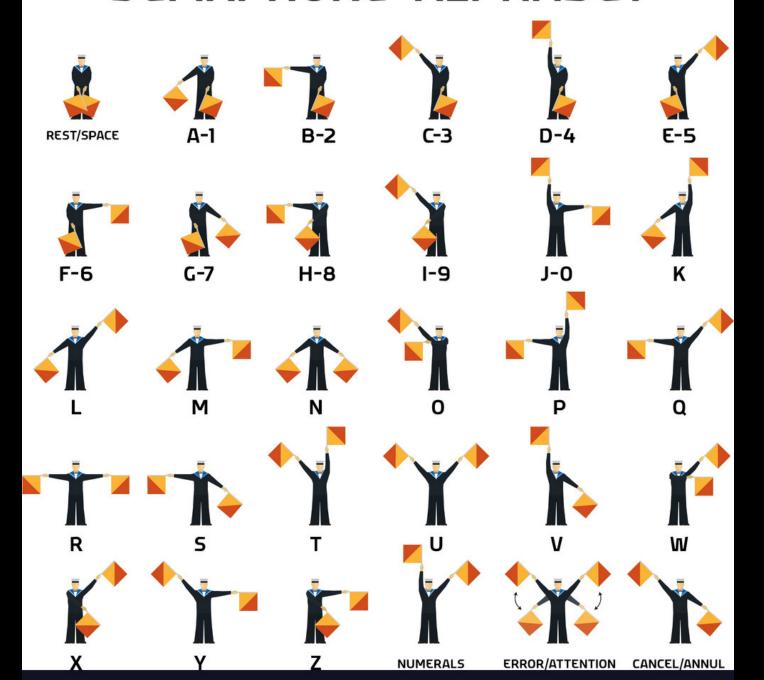
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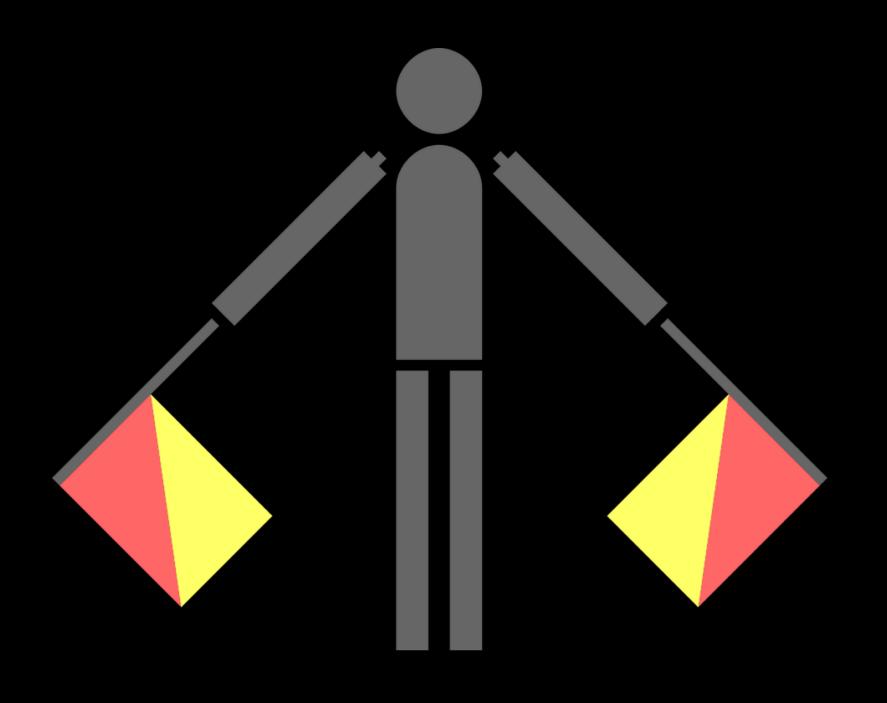


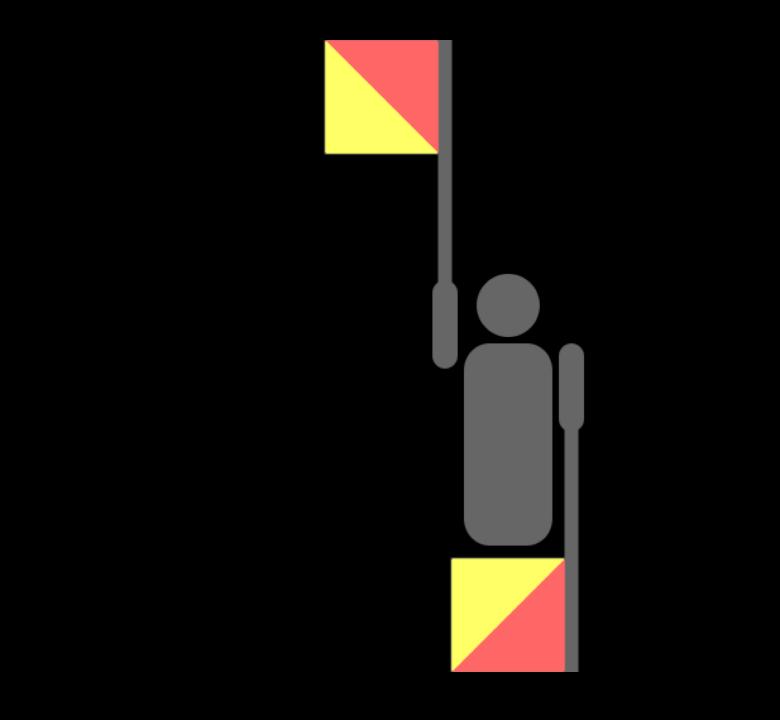
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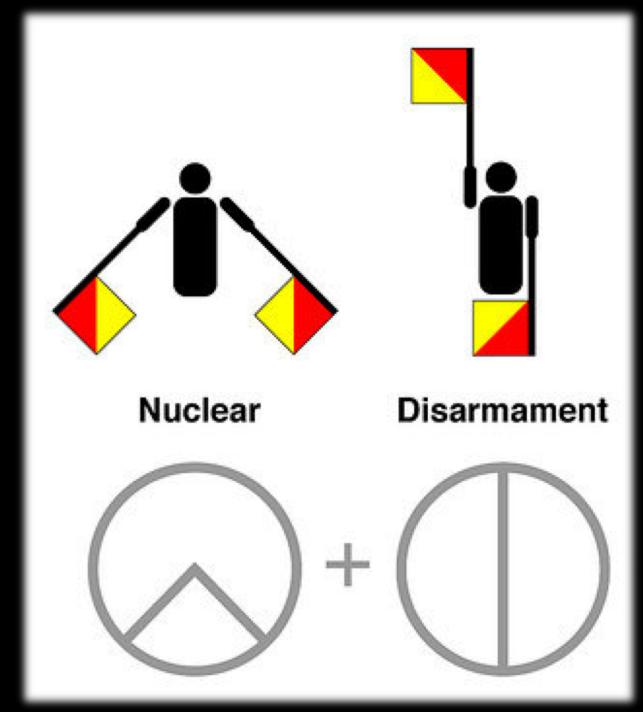
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The Bible is clear that peace cannot be realized with just the absence of something it takes the presence of something to know peace

Colossians 3:15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace.

Let

The peace of Christ:

- >is a reality
- can rule in my heart
- may not rule in my heart

Peace of Christ

Harmony, unity, security, safety, prosperity, happiness, assurance, favor

John 14:27
Peace I leave with you; my peace
I give you...

Matthew 3:16-17

As soon as Jesus was baptized, He went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on Him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased."

Jesus is at peace with the Father

Jesus is willing to bring us in on His side

Thus God is at peace with us

This is my child, whom I love; with him/her I am well pleased.

Let the truth that God is at peace with you rule in your heart

An embracing of His acceptance and favor

John 1:12

Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God--

You are a child of God

Colossians 1:13-14 For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

You are rescued from darkness

You are brought into the Kingdom

You are redeemed

You are forgiven

Romans 5:1-2

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

You are standing in grace

- You are a child of God
- > You are rescued from darkness
- You are brought into the Kingdom
- > You are redeemed
- You are forgiven
- You are standing in grace

Colossians 3:15a Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts...

Rule Decide every call

Philippians 4:13
I can do everything through Christ who gives me strength.

Colossians 3:15a Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts...

In your hearts

Proverbs 4:23
Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.

"The Christian's faith and hope are assailed by a thousand enemies.

Sometimes amid the common incidents of life,

Sometimes in "the heavenly places" of his richest experience and most exalted communion with spiritual things,

Sometimes brought about by open and palpable causes,

Sometimes by strange influences shadowing the inner life and coming we know not whence or how

Sometimes through the ruggedness and gloom of his providential path,

Sometimes through mental perplexities and the chilling and confused intellectual atmosphere around him,

In any or in all of these ways "the trial of his faith" comes—comes, in one shape or other, to every man who has a faith worth trial.

And then, whatever be the form which the assault takes or the quarter from which it is directed, he may find in "the peace of Christ" his strong tower of defense and harbour of refuge.

His difficulties may not disappear under this influence; his doubts may not beat once dispelled; the conflict may still rage furiously around and within him; but he will be kept, the fortress of his heart will not be surrendered"

There are other things competing for the rule of our hearts

Proverbs 6:16 There are six things the LORD hates, seven that are detestable to Him:

Vs 17a Haughty eyes

- ✓ Pride
- ✓ Arrogance
- ✓ Self-importance

Pride is competing for heart rule

When pride is making the calls the heart says, I do not need to be...

- > a child of God
- >rescued from darkness
- brought into the Kingdom
- **>**redeemed
- Forgiven
- >standing in grace

Vs 17b A lying tongue

A lie will definitely set root in our hearts and begin to rule

The truth is you are:

- a child of God
- >rescued from darkness
- brought into the Kingdom
- Fredeemed
- Forgiven
- > standing in grace

Vs 17c Hands that shed innocent blood (Unhealthy anger)

A heart that is ruled by anger is toxic

Vs 18a A heart that devises wicked schemes

Corruption is vying for space in our hearts

Vs 18b

Feet that are quick to rush into evil

A recklessness and thoughtlessness

Just do it

If it feels good do it

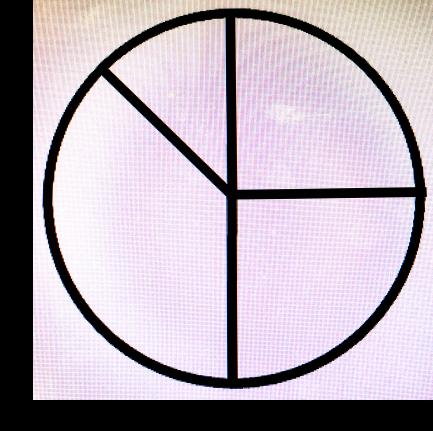
You can do whatever you want

There seems to be no consideration of the ramification of my action

Vs 19

A false witness who pours out lies and A man who stirs up dissension among brothers

Is this what we look like when the peace of Christ does not rule in our hearts



Colossians 3:15a Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts...