

CAN'T WE ALL JUST
GET ALONG?



- Rejection of the truth that Jesus came in the flesh (or the incarnation)
- From the Greek word *dokeia*, which means “to appear, to seem”

What Is Docetism?

KEY POINT:

The Bible is **sufficient** for the task of equipping us to resolve **conflicts** with one another.

- I. Introduction to the Series
- II. Who God Is as a Reconciler
- III. Who We Are in Conflict
 - A. "What Is the Cause of a Conflict?"
 - B. "What Motives of the Heart Drive Us to Resolve Conflicts?"

Outline of Series

IV. How We Must Respond – 5 Ways

A. “Disarm Your Anger”

B. “Be a Peacemaker”

C. “Be Forgiving”

D. “Manage the Criticism”

E. “Learn the Righteous Way to Disagree”

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Outline of Series

1. More than disagreement or having a different view or being offended
2. From the Latin word "to strike, to fight against"
3. Stuart Scott (*The Exemplary Husband*) –
"Conflict, then, is when both parties sin against one another (in their communication and/or their actions) and are then in opposition to one another."

What is Conflict?

¹ What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? ² You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³ You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

James 4:1-3

4. Our definition – “the result of multiple parties who are willing to sin, or have sinned, to get what they want”

What is Conflict?

1. I Corinthians 1:10–11
2. I Corinthians 11:17–19
3. I Corinthians 12:20

Conflict in Corinth

44 And all who believed were together and had all things in common. 45 And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.

Acts 2:44-45

Better is a dry morsel with quiet than a house full of feasting with strife.

Proverbs 17:1

1. Philippians 1:27–30
2. Philippians 2:1–5
3. Philippians 4:1–2

Conflict in Philippi

1. Cain and Abel (Genesis 4)
2. Jacob and Esau (Genesis 25)
3. Jacob's Twelve Sons (Genesis 37)
4. The Hebrews and Moses (Exodus 15-17; 32)
5. Saul and David (I Samuel 15; 18)
6. Church in Galatia (Galatians 5:15)

Other Conflicts in the Bible



Poor Ways to Resolve Conflict

"The extreme responses to conflict also result in greater losses. Every response to conflict costs you something; you must give up one thing to gain another. Personal peacemaking responses generally produce the most 'profitable' exchange; the benefits of your solution are usually worth the time and energy you invest to reach..."



**Ken Sande,
*The Peacemaker***

"...an agreement, especially from a spiritual standpoint. The further you move away from the personal peacemaking zone in either direction, the greater your costs will be, whether in time, money, effort, relationships, or a clear conscience...Many of the problems associated with the escape and attack responses to conflict can...



**Ken Sande,
*The Peacemaker***

"...be prevented if you learn to look at and respond to conflict in a biblical way. In his Word, God has explained why conflicts occur and how we should deal with them. The more we understand and obey what he teaches, the more effective we will be in resolving disagreements with other people."



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¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸ All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

II Corinthians 5:17-19

¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹ More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Romans 5:10–11

¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. ²¹ And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by...

Colossians 1:19–22

...his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him,

Colossians 1:19–22

"The gospel is God's power to save, reconcile, and renew sinner-saints daily in the midst of our confusing, chaotic lives, molding and reshaping us into a reconciling community serving a reconciling Lord."



Alfred Poirier, *The Peacemaking Pastor*

*If possible, so far as it depends on you,
live peaceably with all.*

Romans 12:18