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1-It often is very difficult to live in a state of peace with one's
1-Neighbors, friends and even one's family.

2-A man cannot have broils and misunderstandings with others, without having his own peace very materially disturbed.

1-To be happy, he must be at peace with all men.

3-That this state of affairs would be most difficult, is admitted in language of the apostle-

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4-Consider what the Christian should be.

1-Christians must be harmless and inoffensive.

2-We may be unavoidably strive with as Jeremias who was a man of Contention: Jeremiah 15:10;

5-That it often is impossible to live at peace with all men is shown by Paul's life.

1-Examples:

Acts 13:45;

But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming

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"Notes on Romans 12:18."

1-Examples-Paul stoned at Lystra;-
Acts 14:19;

And there came thither certain Jews from Antioch and Iconium, who persuaded the people, and, having stoned Paul, drew him out of the city, supposing he had been dead.
Acts 16:19;

And when her masters saw that that the hope of their gain was gone they caught Paul and Silas, and drew them into the market place unto the rulers.
Acts 17:5;

But the Jews which believed not moved with envy, took unto them certain lewd fellows of the baser sort, and gathered a company, and set all the city on an uproar, and assaulted the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people. Thessalonica.
Acts 17:13;

They came to Berea also and stirred up the people.
Acts 18:6;

But when they opposed themselves and blasphemed.
Acts 19:23; Ephesus....

And the same time there arose no small stir about that way.
2-This peaceful relation may be secured:

1-By not cherishing a vindictive spirit.

2-By meeting enmity with kindness

