

# Shared Convictions of Global Anabaptists:

We Pursue Shalom

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“Put your sword back in its place,” Jesus said to him, “for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. <sup>53</sup> Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? <sup>54</sup> But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?” Matthew 26:52-54

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For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!

Romans 5:10

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Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”

Luke 23:34

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Away with the noise of your songs! I will not listen to the music of your harps. But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!

Amos 5:23-24



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He has showed you, O man, what is good.  
And what does the LORD require of you? To  
act justly and to love mercy and to walk  
humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8

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What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? <sup>2</sup> You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight.

James 4:1-2

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You do not have, because you do not ask God. <sup>3</sup> When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

James 4:2-3

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Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. <sup>22</sup> But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation-

Colossians 1:21-22

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  - ... for salvation.
  - ... for physical needs.
  - ... for justice.
  - ... for life.