

## **10-13-17 Through a lens of grace**

Some will accuse religion as the source of war and conflict. Yet though those who use religion for oppression and violence are twisting, not following their faith.

What is true about faith is that it has the spiritual power for the world to deal with the past and the future through a lens of grace.

If we wonder how grace can shape a world, we only have to look at how faith and forgiveness shaped East and West Germany after the Berlin wall went down. Or how Northern Ireland, after years of violence between Protestants and Catholics, have found peace, and how South Africa made its way after apartheid.

In all those cases, Christians drew upon their belief of grace and forgiveness to bring about a new peace.

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