**Don’t Get Fooled by Opposition**

Luke 12:49-59

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**Romans 5:1 (ESV)**Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.