Searching for Shalom

**Talk 6: Shalom**

**Introduction**

**1. The security of covenant love:1-5**

Public vs private: 1-5

A snap shot: 5a

A memory:5b

**2. Reflections on the nature of love: 6-7**

    *Place me like a seal over your heart,*

 *like a seal on your arm;*

 *for love is as strong as death,*

 *its jealousy unyielding as the grave.*

 *It burns like blazing fire,*

 *like a mighty flame.*

 *Many waters cannot quench love;*

 *rivers cannot wash it away.*

 *If one were to give*

 *all the wealth of his house for love,*

 *it would be utterly scorned.*

**3. Searching for Shalom: 6-14**

The source of love

*Isaiah 43:1-3*

 *But now, this is what the LORD says—*

 *he who created you, O Jacob,*

 *he who formed you, O Israel:*

 *“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;*

 *I have summoned you by name; you are mine.*

 *When you pass through the waters,*

 *I will be with you;*

 *and when you pass through the rivers,*

 *they will not sweep over you.*

 *When you walk through the fire,*

 *you will not be burned;*

 *the flames will not set you ablaze.*

 *For I am the LORD, your God,*

 *the Holy One of Israel, your Savior;*

Shalom

*‘the full enjoyment of what our created natures naturally desire and long for’.*  Barry Webb

Solomon (again!)

**Implications**

1. Work at it

2. Wait for it

 *Revelation 19: 6 - 9*