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*