

## The Two Aspects of God's Peace

⇒ **Text:** John 14:27, 16:33

⇒ **Intro:**

- o In our text Jesus promises the disciples His peace.
- o Thankfully those of us who know Jesus as our personal Savior can experience His peace as well.
- o The scriptures tell us that God is the maker of peace.
  - I Corinthians 14:33 states that... "**God is not the author of confusion, but of peace**".
- o Just as the old familiar hymn says...
  - Peace, peace, wonderful peace, coming down from
  - the father above, sweep over my spirit forever I pray,
  - In fathomless billows of love.
- o Apart from the Lord there is no peace.
- o As a matter of fact the Lord provides peace in two aspects.
- o Let me show you what they are.

⇒ **I. ATONING ASPECT OR PEACE WITH GOD**

- o **Romans 5:1**, here we find what I want to call "The Atoning Aspect of Peace."
  - Verse 1 tells us that by placing faith in the person of the Lord, Jesus Christ we now have.. "**peace with God**"!
- o Why is that possible?
  - Look at **Rom. 5 - verses 6-10**.
    - Christ death makes it possible!
- o Notice however that apart from having peace with God, mankind is described as

- 1. Helpless v.6
  - 2. Hellbound v.9
  - 3. Hostile v. 10
  - Placing faith in Jesus will take care of
    - Our weakness
    - Our wrath and
    - Our war!
  - o Yes there is an Atoning Aspect of Peace, but there is also
- ⇒ **II. THE ABIDING ASPECT OF PEACE OR THE PEACE OF GOD**
- o The Apostle Paul spoke of this peace in Colossians 3:15 when he said, "**And let the peace of God rule in your hearts,..**".
  - o The God's Peace gives us a tranquility of heart and spirit.
    - We need that peace – **Amen!**
  - o Now that the believer has peace **with** God how does he appropriate the peace **of** God?
  - o **1. By Relying on the Lord in Prayer**
    - **See Phil. 4:6-7**
    - Note with me.
      - **1) The Caution... don't worry**
      - **2) The Command... Pray about everything**
      - **3) The Consequence... the peace of God**
  - o **2. By Resting in the Lord's Protection**
    - Please listen to **Psalm 4:8**.

- This is a Psalm of David.
  - Consider two things here.
    - 1) **The Situation He Faced**
      - He was being stalked by his own son Absalom.
      - And aiding Absalom were the armies of Israel.
    - 2) **The Security He Found**
      - In spite of the circumstances what did David do?
      - He went to sleep.
      - He knew that his safety depended on the Lord.
  - **3. Remaining Focused on the Lord's Presence**
    - **See Isaiah 26:3** says, "**Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee:..**"
    - **See Mark 4:35-41**
      - The disciples are fearful and faithless.
      - Why?
      - Because they are focused on their circumstances rather than focusing on Christ.
- ⇒ **Conclusion:**
- My friend if you are here today and have never trusted Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour.
  - Then you do not have **peace with God.**
    - You have seen that you are –
      - Helpless
      - Hell bound

- Hostile (enemy of God)
- o However, God loves you and wants to save.
  - **See Romans 5:8, “But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”**
  - God wants to be reconciled with you and be at peace with you.
  - Won’t you come today to this old fashion altar place your faith in the One who died for you?
    - Won’t you come repent of your sins and asked God to forgive you and receive His Son into your heart by faith for the payment of your sins.
    - Believing Christ died for your sins, was buried and rose the third day.
- o If you are saved then you already have **peace with God**.
  - However, do your truly have the **peace of God**?
  - We have seen the **Peace Of God** can be obtained by –
    - **By Relying on the Lord in Prayer**
    - **By Resting in the Lord's Protection**
    - **Remaining Focused on the Lord's Presence**