

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**.

With the war going on in Iraq, I want to speak about peace - The most important peace of all no not world peace but God's peace

- 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!

*Christians as ambassadors for Christ have been given the ministry of reconciliation
See 2 Cor 5:17-21*

- 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**
 - **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.

- o 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, *you*
 - **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 ^{only} by –
 - **By Relying on the Lord in Prayer**
 - **By Resting in the Lord's Protection**
 - **Remaining Focused on the Lord's Presence**