

**BELIEVE**  
*"Be Like Jesus"*  
**Peace**

**INTRODUCTION:**

1. Understanding God's attribute of Wrath.
2. *Proverbs 6:16-19*
3. *Psalm 11:5*
4. *John 3:36*
5. *Romans 1:18ff*
6. *2 Corinthians 5:21*
7. "Shalom" - carries a positive message. It does not mean I hope you don't get into trouble.
8. **Bible Peace** is the "*goodness of life*" that cannot be touched by what happens on the outside.
9. *Philippians 4:11*
  - a) "**content**" - means to be satisfied and at ease no matter the problems.
10. *James 1:2*
11. *John 14:27*
  - a) This is the night before Jesus agony on the cross.
  - b) And this is the peace Jesus gives to all who trust Him as Savior.

**I. THE NATURE OF PEACE**

**A. THE OBJECTIVE NATURE OF PEACE**

1. Objective peace has to do with your relationship with God.
2. *Romans 5:10a*
  - a) "*For if while we were the enemies of God.*"
3. *John 3:36*

#### 4. *Ephesians 6:14-15*

#### 5. *2 Corinthians 5:18-20*

a) **Reconciliation** - is the act of God where-by He does away with the hostility between the *Gospel* believer and establishes peace.

6. This peace is objective truth and has nothing to do with how we feel...it is a fact.

#### 7. *Colossians 1:21-22*

### B. THE SUBJECTIVE NATURE OF PEACE

#### 1. *John 14:27*

2. This is experiential peace...this is tranquility of the soul.

#### 3. *Romans 8:32*

#### 4. *Philippians 4:7*

a) "*and the peace of God*"

b) "*which surpasses understanding*"

1) It transcends human intellectual powers.

2) It is beyond human solutions.

3) It is a calm that lifts the believer above the most debilitating trial.

c) "*will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus*"

1) "**guard**" - means to stand @ post and guard against aggression of the enemy.

2) This is the kind of peace men really want.

a) Who wants the **past** to steal your peace?

b) Who wants the **present** to steal your peace?

c) Who wants fear of the **future** to steal your peace?

### II. THE AUTHORITY OF PEACE

1. The "*Peace of God*" is not obtainable by those who are not at "*Peace with God*."

#### 2. *Philippians 4:9*

#### 3. *1 Thessalonians 5:23*

4. **Hebrews 13:20**

5. **John 14:27**

a) *"my peace I give to you"*

6. Jesus gives us His own personal peace.

### III. THE DISPENSER OF PEACE

1. **Galatians 5:22**

a) *"the Fruit of the Spirit"*

2. Here's a question for you: If it is Jesus peace...than why is the Holy Spirit giving it?

3. Answer: **John 16:12-15**

4. The Holy Spirit's ministry is to glorify Christ.

### IV. THE DISTINCTION OF PEACE

1. **John 14:27**

a) *"Not as the world gives do I give to you"*

2. The peace the world gives, is shallow and unfulfilling.

3. **ILLUSTRATION:** Worldly drug rehab centers have a very low success rate.

4. Most people's pursuit of peace is to get away from problems.

5. That's why people seek alcohol and drugs. It's an escape!!!

6. Fact is; that apart from God there is no real peace in this world.

7. Sure it's possible to know momentary tranquility that is stimulated by positive circumstances mixed with a lot of ignorance. **WORLD PEACE IS A LIE.**

8. But if a lost man only knew:

a) **Jeremiah 17:9**

b) **Isaiah 48:22**

9. KNOW JESUS ---- KNOW PEACE

NO JESUS ----- NO PEACE

## V. THE DECISION OF PEACE

### 1. **John 14:27**

a) *"Do not let your heart be troubled"*

2. Peace is a decision. It is ours for the taking.

3. The peace Jesus gives is to be believed, received and applied to our lives.

4. If you have a troubled heart...it is because you do not believe God.

### 5. **Colossians 3:15**

a) *"rule"* - means to act as an umpire

6. We are to be so dependent on Christ that He becomes an umpire in the decisions we have to make in life.

7. We are to let the peace of Christ make decisions for us.

### 8. Look again @ **Colossians 3:15**

a) Peace is foundational to Christian unity.

### 9. **2 Corinthians 4:8-11; 16-18**

## CONCLUSION:

1. This is so relevant for today. We live in a very chaotic world. It is a world of uncertainty and who knows what tomorrow will bring.

### 2. **Psalm 46:10**