

DO YOU KNOW HIM

"The Peace of God"

John 14:27

INTRODUCTION:

1. Noah Webster defines "Peace" as:

- a) A state of quiet tranquility, freedom from disturbance or agitation.
- b) Freedom from internal commotion or civil war.
- c) Freedom from private quarrels, suits or disturbances.
- d) Freedom from agitation or disturbance by the passions...
 - 1) as from fear, terror, anger, anxiety, or the like;
 - 2) quietness of mind; tranquility; calmness; quiet of conscience

2. **Psalm 119:165**

3. Idioms people use:

- a) *"I need me some **peace** and quiet"*
- b) *"I need some **peace** of mind"*
- c) *"make **peace** with yourself" or "make **peace** with your past"*
- d) *"keep the **peace**"*
- e) *"rest in **peace**"*

4. Famous quotations of Non-believers:

5. **VERY IMPORTANT:** True biblical peace does not depend on the right circumstances.

- a) But true biblical peace rises above circumstances.

6. **Philippians 4:11-12**

7. **Acts 16:19-34**

FOUR FEATURES OF DIVINE PEACE

I. THE CUSTODIANS OF PEACE

- **Vs 27a**
 - a) *"Peace I leave with you"*

A. OUR STANDING BEFORE GOD

1. Peace with God is the foundation on which all other peace is based.
2. Since man's rebellion against God the whole human race has been at war with God.
3. All of us have violated God's holy law and deny Him glory.
 - a) **Romans 3:23**
 - b) **Romans 5:18**
 - c) **Romans 3:10-12**
4. Humanity hates God!
 - a) **John 15:18-19**
 - b) **James 4:4**
5. But there's Good News!!!
 - a) **Colossians 1:20**
 - b) **Romans 5:10**
 - 1) "**Reconciled**" - to make peace
7. The death of Jesus was necessary to **SATISFY** God's holy demand for justice.
 - a) **Romans 3:26**
 - b) Jesus was punished as though He were a sinner.

B. OUR EXPERIENTIAL PEACE

1. **Galatians 5:22**
 - a) This peace that results from a believer being filled with the Spirit.
2. It is a peace that manifests itself in the tranquility of heart and harmony with other believers.
3. You cannot have peace in Experience if you are not in the right Standing with God.

II. THE CHARACTER OF PEACE

1. Vs 27b
 - a) "*my peace I give to you*"
 - 1) God is the source of all true peace.

2. Notice that as with every blessing in the Christian life, peace comes from all three persons of the trinity.

a) *Romans 1:7*

b) *Colossians 1:2*

3. It is the ministry of the Holy Spirit to impart peace to believers.

a) *Galatians 5:22*

4. Christ called that Peace - "*My peace*"

a) That's the peace that kept Him calm in the face of mockery, hatred and betrayal.

b) That's the peace that gives believer's freedom from worry and anxiety and triumphs over the most difficult circumstances.

c) *Hebrews 12:2*

III. THE COMPETITION TO PEACE

1. Vs 27c

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

2. The "world" only offers a momentary, fleeting tranquility through:

a) Materialism

b) Romance

c) Substance abuse

d) Psychotherapy

e) right circumstances

3. This "*worldly peace*" is in reality; the state of ignorance.

4. **VERY IMPORTANT:** *If unbelievers understood the wrath of God, and the eternal torments of hell they would never enjoy a moments peace.*

IV. THE CONSEQUENCES OF PEACE

1. Vs 27d

a) "*Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.*"

2. It's all about choices.

a) *Ephesians 5:15-18*

1) Vs 18

"but be filled with the Holy Spirit" - that's a command

3. 1 *Corinthians 9:26-27*

4. 2 *Timothy 2:22*

5. *James 3:17-18*

6. To live in anguish over the past, anxiety concerning the present, or apprehension about the future is to fail to appropriate that peace.

7. *Philippians 4:6-7*

CONCLUSION:

1. The Good News of the Gospel is that the war between the sinner and God can end.

2. The result is we can no experience real peace.

3. *Colossians 3:12-17*

4. We are to allow Christ's peace "*referee*" the choices we make by asking 2 questions:

a) **#1** - *Is what I am considering consistent with scripture?*

b) **#2** - *Are what I am considering affect the peace of mind that comes from having a clear conscience?*

5. *Psalm 32:3-5*