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THE PEACE OF GOD

Numbers 6:26

"The Lord lifts up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace"

*"Peace" here is the Hebrew word **shalom** which means:*

- *To be safe*
- *To be complete*
- *Health*
- *Welfare*
- *Security*
- *Wholeness*

Our God gives us peace: He imparts to us completeness, health, welfare, security, wholeness and safety!

Colossians 3:15

"And let the peace of God rule in your hearts..."

*"Peace" here is the Greek word **eirene** which means:*

- *Harmony*
- *Well-being*
- *Prosperity*
- *A state of untouched, undisturbed well-being*

The rule of God in the heart brings harmony, prosperity and a state of untouched and undisturbed well-being!

Let the peace of Christ rule in your heart

- The word "*rule*" refers to peace being a referee; being a governor to direct and control.
- Peace of Christ must become an internal referee or governor inside of your spirit.
- True peace keeps you in equilibrium (balance).
- Peace is that internal governor that regulates the spiritual environment of your heart. The heart is the seat of your *desires, feelings, affections, passions*; it describes your inward life.
- The "*heart*" is the sphere of God's influence in the human life.

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- Peace must become a regulator; an internal thermostat that conditions the inner-life, or brings the inner-life into harmony and balance with Christ.

(A) Peace is a ruler

Peace is a ruler and governor – it sets laws and boundaries.

Peace is a regulator – it regulates what flows into the heart.

Peace is a thermostat – it indicates if the heart is out of balance with the heart of Christ.

When you step outside of peace, your heart usually gets invaded with anxiety, fear and doubt.

So, peace stands as a referee controlling the game of your inner-life which reflects your thoughts, emotions, affections, feelings, decisions and desires.

John 14:27

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid”

Jesus leaves His peace

Jesus gives His peace

Jesus contrasts peace with a troubled heart and a fearful heart. So, you either allow peace to govern your heart, or you allow trouble and fear to rule in your life!

Jesus says: *“Do not let your hearts be troubled”*

“Troubled” means to be disturbed, terrified, or confused.

(B) Peace is a commodity (a substance)

You either have peace, or not! It is a substance you can get from Jesus himself! When you have peace, it will guard your heart against trouble, fear and anxiety, confusion, doubt, worry, disturbance and restlessness.

Peace brings you into harmony with Christ – you symphonise with His heart – there is accord and oneness!

John 16:33

“I have told you these things so that in me you may have peace”

The verb tense: *“may have” indicates some:*

- *Doubt*
- *Uncertainty*
- *Indefiniteness*
- It represents matters which are being considered, in other words: *“may have” indicates the realm of probability – as long as you don't choose to take the peace that Jesus offers and have left for us in Himself, you will always dwell in doubt, uncertainty, indefiniteness, and probability.*
- *You will have no assurance, no reality, and no certainty!*

Jesus is saying: “The possibility exists to have peace but only insofar as you acknowledge me; you receive and take the peace I give and offer; and you come to a realisation that outside of me you can have no peace.

John 14:27

“I do not give to you peace as the world gives...”

The peace of the world is fleeting, temporary and is built upon material blessing. Material things determine the level of peace you enjoy!

Isaiah 9:6

“For a child is born, to us a son is given and the government will be on his shoulders – and he will be called Wonderful, Counsellor; Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Jesus is the Prince of:

- *Wholeness*
- *Completeness*
- *Certainty*
- *Safety – security*
- *Well-being*
- *Prosperity*

The word “*prince*” in the Hebrew is **Sar** which means to rule, to govern, the commander, the Captain and Chief.

Jesus is called the ruler who imparts peace.

Isaiah 9:7

“...Of the increase of His government and peace, there will be no end”

Government and peace are connected!

Peace increases as government increases.

“*Government*” is His Sovereign rule within the heart, the result is increased peace.

Submission to His rule and government brings everlasting peace within the hearts of men.

What is the only way to take the peace Jesus left? How do you participate in His offer?

Make Jesus Christ absolute Monarch (King) over the throne of your heart.

Set Him, establish Him as King, Ruler, Governor, Sovereign and Lord in and over your entire life. The ultimate outcome will be perfect peace!

You can never separate true peace from His absolute Lordship in and over your whole life!

His Lordship and peace go together!

Isaiah 26:3-4

“*Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because He trusted in thee. Trust ye in the Lord forever: for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength*”

God will “*keep*” you in perfect peace!

“**Keep**” is the Hebrew word, **Natsar** which means, to:

- *Guard*
- *Protect and fortify*
- *Maintain*
- *Observe and watch over*
- *Inspect*
- *Preserve*
- *Hide and conceal you*
- *Close you up*

“Natsar” speaks of a watchman who guards what is entrusted into his care.

So, God will guard you and protect you in His perfect peace if your mind is stayed on Him.

“Mind” is the Hebrew construct, *Yetser*, and it means:

- *Formation*
- *Frame*
- *Image*
- *Conception*
- *Imagination*
- *Thought*

God says that if you will *pattern, frame, form, imagine, think, conceive your mind after Him – or if you press and shape your mind into His image and pattern of thinking then perfect peace would come to you.*

Peace is connected with a mind formed, framed, patterned, imaged on Him – His plans; His purposes; His character; His words; His heart; His nature; His will; His desires and His works!

“Trust” in Hebrew means:

- *To attach oneself to*
- *To confide in*
- *Be confident in*
- *To be secure*

When your trust is fully set in God, you have a solid, fortified and an unwavering hope in God's ability to bring His will and purpose for your life to pass.

This type of hope is a confident expectation; not just a constant anxiety. It is a deep inner knowing that God is in charge / control – the ultimate result is perfect peace!

Remember:

Peace is connected with confidence in God; an attachment to God's ability to bring to pass His word; unwavering belief in God's love for you, although adverse and negative circumstances and outward conditions that contradict your faith.

Who will be kept in perfect peace?

- Those whose minds are patterned after that of Jesus;
- Those who trust (*having full confidence*) and having unwavering belief in God's character and love for them
- Those who have a deep realisation that God will *never* give up on you, even if people would write you off as good-for-nothing

Isaiah 32:17-18

“The fruit of righteousness will be peace; the effect of righteousness will be quietness and confidence forever. My people will in peaceful dwelling places, in secure homes, in undisturbed places of rest”

The product of righteousness – *that which righteousness outwardly manifests or exhibits- will be peace!*

So, peace is connected to righteousness!

What is righteousness?

Romans 4:9 (read also Rom.4:18-25)

“We have been saying that Abraham's faith was credited to him as righteousness”

- Righteousness is our belief in Him (the Father) who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead – that He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.
 - Righteousness is conformity to the claims of higher authority – the fulfilment of God's claims in an over your life.
 - Righteousness is coming into Divine compliance. To comply to the Divine standards and claims of God in an over your life.
 - So, when you live a righteous life, the result will be peace – The very peace of Jesus Christ!
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