

The Peace of God

Introduction

1. **Among the most precious gifts the Christian receives from God is having peace of mind.**
 - A. **In spite of the unsatisfactory conditions of the sinful world, one enjoys a state of inner well-being that makes life rich and meaningful.**

Philippians 4:6-7 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and **the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.**

Philippians 4:11-13 Not that I speak in regard to need, for **I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content:** I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

John 14:27 **Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you;** not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

2. **What are the basic characteristics of the peace of God that is enjoyed by the Christian?**

The Peace of Being Divinely Loved

1. To be well adjusted to life a child must receive love from his parents.
 - A. This creates the happy feeling of being wanted and needed.
2. The Christian, the child of God, enjoys peace because of the love bestowed upon him by his heavenly Father.

1 John 3:1 Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.

Romans 8:35-39

The Peace of Loving Divinely

1. The love the Christian receives from God stimulates and incites him to love his fellow man.

1 John 4:10-11 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

2. It is obvious that the peace of God cannot dwell in hearts where there abides bitterness and hatred.

1 John 4:8 He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

James 3:13-18

Galatians 5:19-23

The Peace of Being Divinely Controlled

1. Life's discords and problems are primarily the result from conflict between the will of man and the will of God.
2. The Christian has placed his life in the care of God.
 - A. By faith, obedience, and prayer.
 - 1) The result is peace and harmony!

Galatians 6:16 And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

Romans 5:1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

James 1:25 But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

Isaiah 26:3 You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You.

The Peace of Being Divinely Forgiven

1. Consciousness of sin makes men restless, confused, and miserable.

Isaiah 48:22 "There is no peace," says the LORD, "for the wicked."

Proverbs 28:1 The wicked flee when no one pursues, But the righteous are bold as a lion.

Romans 3:10-18

2. The faithful Christian has peace through the knowledge of God's forgiveness.

1 John 1:7 But **if we walk in the light** as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

1 John 3:20 For **if our heart condemns us**, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things.

Conclusion

- 1. All the attempts ever made by men to gain peace by the pursuit of pleasure, fame, money, etc. have FAILED.**
- 2. Only by coming to God through Jesus Christ can men find enduring peace, even the "peace which passes all understanding."**
 - A. The peace that Jesus gives is not the absence of trouble, but is rather the confidence that He is there with us always.**
- 3. Let all the souls who are unhappy, begin enjoying the peace of God.**
 - A. By submitting themselves, humbly and contritely to God's divine will!**

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