

Peace, The Gift that Rules

The Gifts of God - Week 14 (2-15-23)

John 14:26-27

I. Peace **with** God makes way for The Peace **Of** God

A. Luke 1:76-79 (Zechariah's Prophecy)

B. Isaiah 9:6 - Peace with their enemies?

1. Prince of Shalom - Peace, prosperity, success, welfare, state of health, deliverance, salvation.

a) All things that "pertain to life and Godliness" (2 Peter 1:3)

b) Jesus had to make peace between God and men before true Shalom could be experienced.

C. Eph. 2:13-15

D. Colos. 1:20-22 - Reconciliation - God, through Christ's atonement, brings men who are at odds with Him back into a peaceful, proper relationship with Him.

1. This is the Whole story of the Bible in a nutshell and it's all about men being brought back to peace with God in order for them to freely live.

E. We must first make peace with God before we can ever experience His peace.

1. Galatians 5:22 - Fruit of the Spirit

a) We can't receive the Spirit of Peace until we have made peace with God.

II. Our Secret Weapon in Spiritual Warfare.

A. Eph. 6:10-18

B. Peace Before Faith?... You won't ever use your faith properly if you don't have peace.

C. Verse 15 (AMP) - "and having strapped on your feet the gospel of peace in preparation [to face the enemy with firm-footed stability and the readiness produced by the good news]."

1. Referring to Roman soldier shoes that were studded with hobnails for stability on the battlefield.

2. When we are certain of our peace with God, we can live confidently in Him and His power by His Holy Spirit.

D. Romans 16:20 - "And the God of peace shall bruise (crush) satan under your feet shortly..."

1. YOUR feet!

2. It's God's battle that we turn over to Him, but our peace is proof of the victory!

E. John 14:27 - God's peace is not like the world's peace

1. God's peace never waivers no matter the circumstances.

a) The World has to eliminate the problem before they can have peace. God's peace is there from start to finish and will carry you through.

(1) "Yeah, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil..." - Psalm 23:4

2. Mark 4:39 - Jesus was able to calm the storm on the outside because He already had peace on the inside.

III. Keeping Peace

A. Philip. 4:4-8

1. Verse 7
 - a) “passeth” = Superior, be better than
 - (1) God’s peace is far better than all understanding (reason/intellect).
 - b) “Keep” = Guard or garrison (military post)
2. Verse 8 - “Think” = meditate; count, credit, consider
 - a) Proverbs 23:7 - “For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.”
 - b) Dr. Caroline Leaf - Switch On Your Brain
 - c) 2 Corin. 10:3-5
 - d) Isaiah 26:3 - “Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee; because he trusteth in Thee.”
 - (1) Do a word-by-word study!