

Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible  
 Current Book: 2 Thessalonians – verse by verse

Scriptures for Today: 2Thessalonians 3:16-18 – The gift of PEACE from *the Lord of Peace* Himself!

Today’s Message:

“*Lord of Peace*”  
 a.k.a. “*Make or Take*”



**INTRODUCTION**

Last week, we continued 2 Thessalonians and learned how to deal with people who are walking disorderly. Today, as we celebrate our 9<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a church, we will finish this incredible Book. The Apostle Paul will give this blessed church one of the greatest **PROMISES** in the Bible! He said the gift of PEACE was given to all believers and was **ALWAYS** available! Not only that, *the Lord of peace* Himself would continue to give and supply peace to believers by **ALL** means – all the while also being with them every step of the way! Truly, grace and peace are gifts to be treasured by God’s church!

**LEARNING TOGETHER**

**A. The Text            2 Thessalonians 3:16-18**

**#1. *The Peace Giver* – Jesus Christ is the *Lord of peace* HIMSELF!**

**THE LORD OF PEACE**

- ✓ Jesus is called by several **TITLES** that include PEACE:
  - The **PRINCE** of Peace – *Isa 9:6*
  - The **SON** of Peace – *Lk 10:6*
  - The **GOD** of Peace – *Rom 15:33; 16:20; Php 4:0; 1Ths 5:23; Heb 13:20*
  - The **KING** of Peace – *Heb 7:2*
- ✓ The phrase, “**peace offerings**” is found **83** times in 80 verses in KJB!
  - The 1<sup>st</sup> Mention of “*peace offerings*” is found in **Exodus 20:24**
  - The introduction of the *Ten Commandments* brought the reality of sin guilt!
- ✓ There is “**NO peace**” without the Lord! *Isa 48:22; 57:21; Jer 6:14; Eze 13:10,16*
- ✓ God is the **AUTHOR** of peace! *1Cor 14:33; Lev 26:6; 1Chr 22:9; Hag 2:9*
- ✓ Jesus Christ **MADE** peace through the blood of His cross! *Rom5:1; Eph2:14; Col1:20*
- ✓ In *Jn 14:27*, Jesus Christ said, “*Peace I leave with you, MY PEACE I give unto you...*”

“Peace”  
 411 times in KJB.  
 111 times in NT, KJB.

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 “Peace”  
 In a general sense, a state of quiet or tranquility; freedom from war; freedom from agitation or disturbance by the passions, as from, fear, terror, anger, anxiety or the like; **quietness of mind.**

**NOTE** Truly, Jesus Christ is the PEACE GIVER – Amen! He is PEACE personified!

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**#2. The Peace Makers – believers are given the Spirit of PEACE at salvation!****THE PROMISE AND GIFT OF PEACE**

- ✓ All of Paul's CHURCH letters, all 13 of them *begin* with GRACE and PEACE! **Rev 1:4**
- ✓ ALL born-again believers have PEACE **WITH** GOD *through* Jesus Christ! **Rom 5:1**
- ✓ ALL believers have the GIFT of the Spirit **INSIDE!** (His fruit *includes* PEACE) **Gal 5:22,23**
- ✓ This God-given PEACE of God is described as **PASSING** understanding! **Php 4:7**
  - ... shall KEEP your **HEARTS** and **MINDS!** (all through Christ!) **2Cor 12:9; Php 4:13**
- ✓ ALL BELIEVERS are commanded to LIVE a LIFE of PEACE...
  - You are **KINGS** of the kingdom of God which **IS** PEACE! **Rom 14:17; Rev 1:6**
  - God has **CALLED** you to a LIFE of PEACE! **1Cor 7:15**
  - You are to **PREACH** PEACE by Jesus Christ! **Lk 19:10; Acts 10:36; 18:9; Rom 10:15**
  - You are to **WALK** in the WAY of PEACE! **Rom 3:17**
  - You are to be SPIRITUALLY MINDED which is LIFE and PEACE! **Rom 8:6**
  - You are to **FOLLOW** the THINGS which MAKE for PEACE! **Rom 14:19; 2Tim 1:2**
  - You are to be **FILLED** with ALL JOY and PEACE in BELIEVING! **Rom 15:13**
  - You are to **LIVE** in PEACE and be of ONE MIND with other believers! **2Cor 13:11**
  - You are to **KEEP** the UNITY of the Spirit in the BOND of PEACE! **Eph 4:3**
  - You are to **LET** the PEACE of God RULE in OUR HEARTS and be thankful! **Col 3:15**
  - You are to **BE** at PEACE among yourselves and SANCTIFIED! **1Ths 5:13, 23**
  - You are **SEEK** PEACE and ensue it! **1Pet 3:11**
  - You are to be DILIGENT that you may be FOUND of Him in PEACE! **2Pet 3:14**
- ✓ In **2Ths 3:16**, the Holy Ghost says *the Lord of peace* **HIMSELF** CAN and WILL...
  - Give **YOU** PEACE... **ALWAYS...** by **ALL** means!
- ✓ Jesus Christ said, *Blessed are the PEACE MAKERS!* **Mt 5:9** (YOU shall be called what?)

**NOTE** Is your life full of PEACE? Why not? You should be called a PEACE MAKER!

**#3. The Peace Taker – the devil will stop at nothing to STEAL your peace!****THE LAST MENTION OF PEACE**

- ✓ In **Rev 6:4**, the RED RIDER in the *Tribulation Period* **TAKES** PEACE from the earth!
- ✓ **Heb 2:14** says Christ *through death* DESTROYED him that had the POWER of **DEATH**.
- ✓ **1Jn 3:8** says Jesus Christ was *manifested* to DESTROY the WORKS of the DEVIL!
- ✓ **Lk 9:56** says Jesus Christ *did not come* to DESTROY *men's lives*, but to **SAVE** them!

**NOTE** We are not called to be PEACE TAKERS but PEACE MAKERS! It is our purpose!

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