

We were **happily studying** Vs-by-Vs thru the book of Daniel

**When we did** that famous section in **Daniel Ch 10**

That reveals some key **Spiritual Battle Insights**

& that **SENT** us onto a **side series** on **The Spiritual Battle**  
that is **now at 8 Msgs** - & **not near done**

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So **let me tell you** a little about what's **been goin on** in my life

Basically **SINCE** we started this side series on **The Spiritual Battle**  
**I've been** in a very, **very difficult** season, **Spiritually**

**It Started with FATIGUE**

it grew to **DISCOURAGEMENT**

& it settled in to **DEPRESSION**

**I THANK GOD** for my **Great Wife & My Family**

Who have **seen** me thru **EVERY Spiritual Battle** I've faced  
& **Every Spiritual Battle** this **CHURCH** has ever Faced

& **I THANK GOD** for the incredible **Leadership Team**

that **He has brought** to this church

Who **love me** - & **watch out** for me - & **hold me** accountable

& **I THANK GOD** for the **Mentors & Friends** He has given me

who have **helped** me see the **Difficult place** I've been in

& have helped **Carry My Burden** (as Gal 6:2 says)

& really – There is **some connection** between

me **choosing** to **dive** into this Series on **The Spiritual Battle**

**And** my own **Personal Spiritual Battle**

**OFTEN** – God has me **EITHER** – **Teach** what I am **Experiencing** –  
**OR** He has me – **Experience** what I am **Teaching**

**Either way** it's one of the **Most Difficult** things  
about my **teaching ministry**

But – It **DOES** cause me to have a **PASSION** - For the **Truth** of  
God's **Word** - & for the **REAL POWER** of God in our lives

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So - **THIS** Message on **The PEACE of God** - is where  
**The Spiritual Battle** Really Hits Home **for me**

But the Truth is – in our Body - it's **NOT JUST ME**  
that **Needs** to **Win the Battle** - for **The Peace of God**

There's been a **WAVE of Discouragement** that's hit this church  
like I **haven't seen** in a very long time

We've had **Plenty of Spiritual Battles** over the years  
& some incredibly **difficult** & **intense** ones

But lately – there **has been** what some would call  
**"A Spirit of Discouragement"** moving thru this church

& so **THIS** message – Along with **ALL** these Msg's  
Are **Very Applicable** to all those here

who **have been hit** by this Wave of **Discouragement** that's been  
**Attacking** so Many in our Church body

**So - Let's Pray** - & Learn How  
to **Stand Firm** in the **PEACE of God**

**The Peace of God** is something  
that I **HAVE** experienced Often in my life

I've **Focused** on it – I've **Grown** in it – I've **Taught** it  
& I've **Genuinely Experienced** it

**& so - let me just say – very simply**

Living **IN** God's Peace – Is the *Path* to **VICTORY**

Living **OUT OF** God's Peace – is *Risking* **DEFEAT**

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**AND** – Like the **1st two Parts** – This **Crucial Part** of the **Armor**  
**Must** be Constantly "**PUT ON**"

We **must** constantly **CLOTHE ourselves**  
(Be **Immersed** in) **God's PEACE**

& If we're **NOT** – Then We are Definitely **Setting Ourselves Up** –  
As an **EASY Target** for the Enemy – to Possibly **TAKE OUT**

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**Remember** – there are **3 Parts** of the **Spiritual Armor** we must  
Continually "**PUT ON**" (Clothe Ourselves) with:

**They** are: **TRUTH**, **RIGHTEOUSNESS**, & **PEACE**

(we'll get to the other 3 "**TAKE UP**" parts next –  
*Faith, Salvation, Word of God*)

& so **PEACE** is the **last** of the "**PUT ON**" (Be Clothed With)  
**Articles** of our **Spiritual Armor**

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& Paul uses **The SHOES** of the **Roman Soldier**  
to Illustrate The **PEACE of God** that we are to **“Walk In”**

**Because** there is **no better way** to **“Order Your Steps”** in Life  
than IN - **The PEACE of GOD**

I want to again Mention **Tony Evans** & his book  
**“Victory in Spiritual Warfare”**  
& I would **Suggest it** to you for further **Reading**

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So – to **get going** – Let’s **Re-Read** the entire **CONTEXT**  
**leading** into today’s **Focus** on **WALKING** in **The Peace Of God**

**Ephesians 6:10–15 (NLT)**

- 10 A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.***  
***11 Put on all of God’s armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil.***  
***12 For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.***  
***13 Therefore (because of this battle), put on every piece of God’s armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then (if you do this) after the battle you will still be standing firm.***  
***14 Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God’s righteousness.***  
***15 For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared.***

**There are** the Three **“PUT ON”** Articles of **Our Spiritual Armor**

God’s **TRUTH** - God’s **RIGHTEOUSNESS** - God’s **PEACE**

& honestly – “**Putting On**” (Clothing Yourself)  
in **God’s PEACE** – may be the most **ELUSIVE** of all three

& I **think** it’s because **TRUTH & RIGHTEOUSNESS**  
may **seem** a little more **TANGIBLE** to us

**We can** pretty Easily **KNOW** what God’s **TRUTH** is –  
We just have to **CHOOSE** to **Put it On**

**& we can** pretty Easily **KNOW** what God’s **RIGHTEOUSNESS** is –  
We Just have to **CHOOSE** to **Put it On**

**But** God’s **PEACE** . . . *is NOT quite so **Tangible***

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Maybe it’s because **PEACE** is **So Hard** to Truly **DEFINE**

In **the 60’s & 70’s** Peace Meant – **GET HIGH** – **Do** what you **Want** –  
& **Disconnect** from **Reality** as much as **possible**

& if you **want** to see a **Generation** that **Failed Miserably** at achieving  
**ANY True Peace** – Just **look** at **that Generation**

**Today - Peace** can mean **anything** from **No Nuclear War**  
to **Baby’s Nap Time** for a Stressed Out Mom

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But **GOD’S PEACE** – is much easier to **DEFINE**

The **GREEK Word** for **PEACE** (N.T.) - is **EIRENE**

It is the **Equivalent** of the **HEBREW - SHALOM**

**Both words** mean - in essence - “**Wholeness, Completeness**”

At the **CORE** of **SHALOM** - is the **Phrase**  
“**Nothing Missing Nothing Broken**” (everything in its place)

But **here’s The Definition** for **God’s Peace** – I’d **Like to Use**:

God’s Peace: *An Inner Resting of the Soul that comes from experiencing God’s Presence, and does not fluctuate based on circumstances.*

Now – Having **THAT PEACE** – is putting on  
some **SERIOUS Spiritual ARMOR**

That will **Definitely** Enable You to **STAND FIRM**  
**against** the **Attacks of the Enemy**

**[REPEAT]**

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**Paul Illustrates** the **Armor** of **God’s PEACE**  
with the **SHOES** of the **Roman Soldier**

for **Two Reasons** - I think

**#1) Because** we are to **WALK** in God’s Peace – which means “**Order our Steps**” – **Set the Direction** of our life – in **God’s PEACE**

**#2) Because God’s Peace** gives us a **SURE FOOTING**  
to **Stand Firm** against **Many** of the **attacks** of the **enemy**

As **V.15** says - *so that you will be fully prepared* (to stand firm)

The **Roman Soldier’s Sandals** literally had **Nails driven** thru the sole  
to **give** the Soldier “**Sure-Footedness**”

& **that's Exactly** what **God's PEACE** Gives us - **Sure-Footedness** -  
to **Make** us **Fully Prepared** for **Attacks of the Enemy**

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**SO OFTEN** the **Attacks** of the Enemy are **F.E.A.R.**

**You know** what **F.E.A.R. stands** for – Right?  
**False Evidence Appearing Real**

& **SO OFTEN** – the **Enemy Gets** us to **Take ourselves Out**  
By **stirring** up **FEAR** in our hearts  
that **causes** us to make **Destructive Choices** in our lives

**God's PEACE** gives us a **Sure-Footed Standing**  
**Against** the enemy **Tactic of F.E.A.R.** (among other things)

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& **Finally** (notice in **V.15**) – This is the **Peace**  
that **Comes FROM the GOSPEL** (Good News)

The **Peace of God** - is **ONLY Available**  
thru a **Real Relationship** with **Jesus Christ**

**You** putting your complete **FAITH & TRUST** in **Jesus Christ**  
& **Receiving** Him Fully **INTO** your Life

Is the **ONLY WAY** that you can **have ACCESS**  
to this **Supernatural PEACE OF GOD** - *that passes all understanding*

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OK - **One more time** – Here is my **Best Definition** of **God's PEACE**  
Which **comes ONLY** thru a **Real Relationship** with **Jesus Christ**

& **which makes** us **FULLY PREPARED**  
for the **Spiritual Attacks** of the Enemy

**God's Peace: An Inner Resting of the Soul that comes from experiencing God's Presence, and does not fluctuate based on circumstances.**

**An Inner Rest** of the **Soul**  
That comes **from God's Presence**  
& **does not fluctuate** with our **Circumstances**

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**So First** – **Notice Closely** in the Definition  
*God's peace is an **INNER** Resting of the Soul*

**NOT A RESTING** – That **comes** – From the **OUTSIDE - IN**  
**BUT A RESTING** – That **comes** – From the **INSIDE - OUT**

**Tony Evans** tells the story of **2 PAINTERS**  
**Both commissioned** to **Paint a picture** of **God's Peace**

**1st painter** paints a **beautiful**, calm, **serene lake**,  
in the **most peaceful setting** you could **imagine**

**2nd painter** paints the ocean – **NOT CALM** – But **instead** the ocean  
is in a **Violent Storm** – **Waves Crashing** - **Lightning** - **Fierce Wind**

& in the **very bottom corner** of the painting was a **SMALL BIRD**  
**Totally Protected** from the **Storm**  
**Standing** on a rock with a **solitary beam of light shining on it**



& the bird is obviously **SINGING** – in **Perfect Peace**  
**In the MIDST** of the **Raging Storm**

& **THAT** – is **GOD'S PEACE** – *That Passes Understanding*

**God's Peace** is **NOT** an **INNER RESTING** of the Soul  
**BECAUSE** everything around you is **IN HARMONY**

**God's PEACE** is an **INNER RESTING** of the Soul –  
**IN SPITE** of the **STORM** that's **RAGING Around you**

**THAT** is the **PEACE** that **Jesus DIED** to **Give** us

**THAT** is the Peace that **STANDS FIRM**  
**When** the **Attacks** of the **Enemy** - & **The World**  
**Bring** the **Worst** of **STORMS** – **Right to our DOORSTEP**

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& **Jesus Promised** us **that Peace**  
**on** the **Edge** of His **Own Horrific Storm**

**On the Night** that He was **Betrayed** & **Arrested**  
**On the Night** before He was to **Bear** the **Sin of the World**

**On the Edge** of the **Greatest Storm** All **Creation** had ever **seen**  
**Jesus Promised** Us - **HIS OWN PEACE**

**John 14:27 (ESV)**

*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 hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.*

**Jesus says** – I Give You – **MY PEACE**  
& **MY Peace** – is a **Gift** that the **World CANNOT Give**

So **DON'T LET** your **hearts** be **TROUBLED**  
& **DON'T LET** them be **AFRAID**

**This is a Supernatural INNER PEACE**

that **Comes Direct** from the **Presence of GOD** (My Peace)  
& it is **Contrary** to **ALL** the **False Peace** the **World** Tries to **Give**

Guys - **The context** here in **Jn 14** –

is **Jesus** sending **THE HOLY SPIRIT** To **LIVE** in the **Believer**

**& the Best Scholars will tell you that “In Context”**

**Jesus** is Most **Probably Referring** to the  
**Presence** of the **Holy Spirit IN YOU** - that is **HIS PEACE**

**Because** The Holy Spirit **IS** the **Presence of God** Living **Inside** of you

& **God's** Miraculous **INNER REST** (Peace)

comes **Literally** - from the **Very Presence** of **God** inside you

Remember Our **DEFINITION** - The Peace of God is:

***An Inner Resting of the Soul  
that comes from experiencing God's Presence***

& **THAT** is **Exactly** what **Jesus Promised**

when **He said** - ***MY PEACE I Give to You*** (Jn 14:27)

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**Later** - On **that SAME NIGHT** Before His **Crucifixion**

**Jesus Again** Promises Us – **HIS** Miraculous **PEACE**

**John 16:33 (ESV)**

***33 I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.***

**The Peace of God - is FOUND ONLY - IN JESUS**

It is **IN** your **IDENTIFICATION** with **Jesus** – *By Your Faith*

& It is **IN** is your **Ever-Increasing RELATIONSHIP** with **Jesus**

**The Peace of God - You can Only Have**

In **REAL IDENTIFICATION** with Jesus

& in **REAL RELATIONSHIP** with Jesus

& **notice** the **Complete Identification** with Jesus in this vs

*in me you may have peace . . .*

*because I have overcome the world*

**Jesus** has **OVERCOME** the **Circumstances** of this **World**

& **Jesus IS** our **PEACE**

**Ephesians 2:14 says (ESV)**

*14 For he himself is our peace . . .*

**So we** are **no longer MOVED** by our **Circumstances**

**Because** we are **not WALKING** By our **Circumstances**

**Because** – As **2 Corinthians 5:7 says (ESV)**

*7 for we walk by faith (In Jesus Christ ), not by sight.*

**Because Jesus** has **OVERCOME** the **Circumstances** of this World

& Jesus **IS** our **PEACE**

So **We WALK** by our **FAITH in HIM**

**NOT** by the **Circumstances** that we **can SEE**

& **AS** we **LEARN** to **DO THAT**

We **Learn to WALK** in **The PEACE of GOD**

It's all about what our MIND is set on

**That's Why Isaiah 26:3 says (ESV)**

*3 You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.*

**God's Peace COMES from us LEARNING**

to FIX our MIND on HIM

To TRUST in Him Alone

& To Walk By FAITH in Him Alone

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**THIS** is actually what Paul is Referring to  
in his FAMOUSLY Mis-Used Verse – Phil 4:13

**Let** me read PORTIONS of the CONTEXT

**Philippians 4:11–13 (NLT)**

*11 . . . for I have learned how to be content with whatever I have.*

*12 . . . I have learned the secret of living in every situation . . .*

*13 For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.*

It means his Circumstances No Longer EFFECT Him

**Because** his CONTENTMENT (His Peace)

Does NOT come from his Circumstances

His CONTENTMENT - & His PEACE

come THRU Jesus Christ – Who Gives him STRENGTH

To FACE ANY Circumstance or Situation

**THAT IS SOME BULLET-PROOF** Spiritual Armor

When you LEARN to Walk in THAT !!

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And this **Same Peace of God** – that **comes from**  
the **Real Life of Jesus Christ** inside you

This **Peace of God** will also **KEEP You** from **making**  
**Stupid & Destructive CHOICES** in Your **Life**

### **Colossians 3:15 (NLT)**

***15 And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts***

***let the peace that comes from (The Person of Jesus) Christ***  
***RULE in your Deepest Inner Life (Your Heart)***

**The word RULE means – Act as an UMPIRE**

**Learn to Let the PEACE that comes from God's Real Presence  
in your life - MAKE THE DECISIONS you're Faced with**

If **there's one thing** Your **Spiritual Enemy** is **GOOD AT**  
It's **Tempting** you to **make WRONG Choices**

**But You CAN Learn – How to allow the PEACE**  
that **comes** from Your **Real Relationship** with **Jesus** Christ  
**“Call the Shots”** in **your Life**

If you will **Learn** to **do this** – I promise

You will **NOT Fall** so **easily** to the **Simple Schemes** of the Enemy –  
to **get** you to **Make Choices** out of **FEAR** – or your **FLESH**

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**This** is **WHY** Learning to **PUT ON** the **PEACE of God**  
Is such a **CRUCIAL PART** of your **Spiritual Armor**

**In fact** – It is **SUCH** a **Crucial Part** of your **Spiritual Armor**  
That we're **gonna do ANOTHER WEEK** on it!

**Because** I **CAN'T** get to the **HOW** – *There just isn't time*

So – **Next Week** – We'll **spend** the **Entire Msg** – on the **HOW**

**HOW** do we **PUT ON** the **PEACE** of God  
as a **Crucial Part** – of our **Spiritual Armor**

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**If this Subject** is **important** to you (& I hope it is)  
I **just want** to ask you to **Do One Thing** during this week

On **EITHER** the **Church Website** ([calvarynuevo.org](http://calvarynuevo.org))  
OR on the **Phone App** (search **WordByMail**)

**Go** to **Resources** / **Scripture By Topic** / **Peace**

& **spend** some **time Meditating** on Some of the **Scriptures** there

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**TODAY** – We're **Looking** at the **WHAT**

**NEXT WEEK** – We'll **Look** at the **HOW**

& we have **One More Text** for **Today**  
& it's - **The BIG ONE**

**Philippians 4:6–7 (NLT)**

***6 Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.***

***7 Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.***

Oh Man – This is a HUGE Vs in my Family

These Vs's were first given to Pam & I

when we were Young Christians - & we couldn't Get Pregnant

& these vs's stayed on our Fridge for 7 Yrs –

until the paper turned Brittle – while we Waited on God

Until Finally God said ENOUGH

& Gave us THREE Beautiful Babies

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God says - DON'T WORRY – Because Your Spiritual Enemy  
will USE Worry to Literally DESTROY Your Life

So instead PRAY – ROLL your burden over to God  
& THANK Him for ALL He's DONE

& THEN – The PEACE of God – That Passes ALL Understanding  
Will GUARD you Hearts & Minds – IN Christ Jesus

The Peace of God will STAND GUARD

The Peace of God will PROTECT Your Heart & Your Mind

With a Supernatural - *Inner Resting of the Soul*  
*that comes from experiencing God's Presence,*  
*and does not fluctuate based on circumstances*

THAT – is The Peace of God

An INNER RESTING of your SOUL

It Comes from Experiencing God's Presence in Your Life  
& it Does NOT Fluctuate based on Your Circumstances

And . . . **NEXT WEEK**

We're **going to take** the **whole time** to **talk about**  
**HOW** to **GET IT**

**HOW** to **LEARN** to **WALK** In It  
**HOW** to **LEARN** to **DIRECT** Your Life **BY IT**

& **HOW** **God's PEACE** will **Guard** your **Heart & Mind**  
**AS** you **LIVE - *in Christ Jesus***

**Let's Pray**