First Baptist Church - Odessa

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"Protector of the Mind"

"Peace of Mind: Winning the Battle for Your Mind" – Pt. 2
Hebrews 13:20-21 and Selected

I. God alone is my strong and sure foundation for true and lasting peace.

"Now may the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant." Vs. 20

God Offers...

• Himself as the origin of all true peace.

"Now may the God of peace..." Vs. 20a

• His power as the sure foundation for true peace.

"Now may the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant." Vs. 20

• His guidance, protection, and nurturing to give us sustainable true peace.

"...that great Shepherd of the sheep." Vs. 20c

• His greatest promise as validation of the availability of true peace.

"Now may the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus...." Vs. 20b

Jesus said, "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." John 14:27

II. God alone equips me fully and completely so I can find true peace.

"...equip you with everything good that you may do His will." Vs. 21a

"His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness." 2 Peter 1:3 NIV

"You keep in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you. Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD God is an everlasting rock." Isaiah 26:3-4

III. God alone enables me to walk daily in true peace.

"... working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen." Vs. 21b

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for 'peace' and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart."

Jeremiah 29:11-13