

Peace of Christmas: Peace with Others

Politician's promise it, beauty pageant constants propagate it, and world leaders promote it. Humanity has searched for this seemingly elusive precious commodity since Adam and Eve were dragged, kicking and screaming, from the Garden of Eden. Even the Anti-Christ will use the promise of it to rally the world's politicians, religious leaders and military might to his side during the first 3 ½ years of the Tribulation period. What are we talking about? Peace. This week we look at a conflict between two church members recorded in scripture and how Paul prescribed handling the disagreement.

Luke 2:13-14

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" (NKJ)

peace

שָׁלוֹם shalom {shaw-lome'}

completeness, soundness, welfare, peace

Ecclesiastes 3:8

A time to love, And a time to hate; A time of war, And a time of peace. (NKJ)

Do you fight as a _____, or is it your _____?

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Romans 12:18

If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. (NKJ)

Philippians 4:2-3

I implore Euodia and I implore Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. And I urge you also, true companion, help these women who labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the Book of Life. (NKJ)

Four Ways we find Peace with Others

Philippians 4:4

Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! (NKJ)

1. _____ in the Lord

Psalms 31:7

I will be glad and rejoice in Your mercy, For You have considered my trouble; You have known my soul in adversities, (NKJ)

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Philippians 4:5

Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. (NKJ)

2. Let your _____ be known.

Philippians 4:6

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; (NKJ)

3. Don't _____ or _____ (be anxious)

1 Peter 5:7

casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. (NKJ)

Philippians 4:7

and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. (NKJ)

4. Let the _____ of God _____ your heart.

guard

φρουρέω phroureo {froo-reh'-o}

1) to guard, protect by a military guard, either to prevent hostile invasion, or to keep the inhabitants of a besieged city from flight

Philippians 4:8-9

Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy-- meditate on these things. The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you. (NKJ)

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