



Title: Unwrapped: Gift of Peace

Scripture: John 14:27

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Bible Version: NKJV

BOTTOM LINE: God has given us the gift of peace through Christ Jesus.

Part 1 Vs. 27

[Jhn 14:27 AMP] Peace I leave with you; My [perfect] peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be afraid. [Let My perfect peace calm you in every circumstance and give you courage and strength for every challenge.]

Peace I leave with you - This was a typical Jewish salutation and benediction. It describes a perfect peace. Nonetheless, we see Jesus say 'peace' I leave with you. Not only has Jesus left His peace with the disciples, He has left it with us.

Part 2 Vs. 27

My peace I give to you - Notice that this peace comes from Jesus not from this world.

We tend to tie our peace the things we can control.

- If I only made more money.
- If I could only love my family this way.
- If I could only dress a certain way.

Jesus had no inheritance or fortune to leave to His followers in a last will and testament. Yet Jesus gave them two things greater than any fortune: the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, and the peace of Jesus Himself.- David Guzik

Everlasting peace does not come from the things this world has to offer, it comes from Jesus.

The peace that Christ gives is not that of this world, nor does He give it the way the world gives. The world's peace is shallow, unsatisfying, and temporary; while Christ's peace rest deep in the heart, is always satisfying, and will abide forever. - Warren Wiersbe

Past 3 Vs. 27

Not as the world give - The peace that Jesus offers us is nothing like the world offers.

The world offers empty peace that does not last.

To his followers Jesus gives peace, procures it, preserves it, and establishes it. He is the author, prince, promoter, and keeper of peace. - Adam Clarke

Part 4 Vs. 27

Let not your heart be troubled - Jesus reminds us to not let our hearts be troubled.

You can't live with peace until you live with grace.

Part 5 Vs. 27

Neither let it be afraid -Not only should our hearts not be troubled, but our hearts should not be afraid. This would certainly reassure the disciples who would be looking at the future without Jesus with a question mark.

A lack of peace always leads to feelings of fear.

Because of Jesus, we can have an untroubled heart during a very troubled time of life.

Let not your heart shrink back through fear of an approaching evil. -Adam Clarke

In the world ye shall have tribulation but in Christ you shall have peace. - Charles Spurgeon

We will have tribulation in life however it is in Christ that we can find peace.

We have been given the peace of Jesus Christ. Even though I might not understand what's going on, I have a peace that bypasses my brain and permeates my heart. - Jon Courson

December 10th, 2017

Discuss

Dig Deeper



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3D Guide

DO.

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1. What does this study reveal to you about God?
2. What does this study reveal to you about yourself?
3. Based on this, what changes do you need to make?
4. What is your prayer for today?



DISCUSS.

1. How does the world suggest we acquire peace?
2. According to John 14:27 where does peace come from?
3. What is the difference from the peace that we can find in the world versus that which we find in Jesus Christ?
4. Why is it so hard enjoy the peace of Christ when we are going through difficult times?

DO.



Anytime you read God's word you have to put things into perspective. You also have to realize that the terms, not words, have meanings. As a group re-read the scriptures that was studied. Try a the Amplified Version and compare that to the NJKV, NIV, ESV, or NASB. Pick a few words and have a group member look that word up on blueletterbible.com or with their app.



Parents & Kids

TAKE **HOME**

DATE: December 3rd, 2017

Scripture: Mary and Joseph Travel to Bethlehem

Luke 2:1 - 5, 7c ; Micah 5:2a

1. Why did Mary and Joseph have to travel to Bethlehem? (They had to travel to Bethlehem to be counted)
2. How did Mary and Joseph get to Bethlehem? (By walking) Were Bethlehem and Nazareth very close together? (No)
3. True or False: When Mary and Joseph made it to Bethlehem, they found a hotel room right away. (False; they couldn't find a room, but a man offered for them to stay in a barn with the animals)
4. Was staying in a barn in Bethlehem part of Mary and Joseph's plan? (No) Was it part of God's plan? (Yes)
5. Before Mary and Joseph were born, did God have a plan for His Son to be born in Bethlehem? (Yes)
6. Does God have a plan for your life? (Yes) Is God's plan for your life a good plan or a bad plan? (A good plan)

Memory Verse: "God sent His Son to be the Savior of the world. We saw His Son and are now telling others about Him."- 1 John 4:14

