

THE MISSING PEACE — WEEK 4

Let Peace Rule

Main Passage: Colossians 3:15 (NIV)

SERMON SUMMARY

Because of Jesus, peace is not just something we hope for—it is something we are called to **live under**. Paul teaches that the peace of Christ is meant to **rule** our hearts, acting as the deciding authority in how we think, respond, and relate to others.

OPENING REFLECTION

Think about a time when something small being missing made a big difference. How does that experience help you understand the role peace plays in everyday life?

MEMORY VERSE

Colossians 3:15 (NIV)

“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.”

KEY TAKEAWAYS

1. **Peace with God**

True peace begins when we are reconciled to God through Jesus Christ. Without peace with God, lasting peace in any other area is impossible.

2. **Inner Peace**

When Christ’s peace rules our hearts, it steadies us even when circumstances are uncertain, stressful, or painful.

3. **Peace with Others**

The peace Christ gives us is never meant to stop with us—it should shape how we relate, forgive, and respond to others.

DISCUSS

1. Do you believe you currently have peace with God? Why or why not?
2. What things tend to compete with Christ's peace for control of your heart (anxiety, fear, expectations, control)?
3. How might your reactions change if you allowed Christ's peace to decide your responses?
4. Why is gratitude essential to letting peace rule in your life?
5. Is there a relationship or situation where God may be calling you to pursue peace right now?

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

This week, intentionally practice letting peace rule by:

- **Pausing to pray** before reacting in stressful moments
- **Choosing grace** instead of trying to win or prove a point
- **Practicing gratitude daily**, thanking God for specific blessings

SELF-GUIDED REFLECTION

Take a quiet moment and reflect:

- Where am I currently missing peace?
- What would it look like to surrender control in this area?
- Is God calling me to repentance, prayer, or reconciliation?

CLOSING PRAYER

Ask God to help you trust Him more fully, allow Christ's peace to rule your heart, and reflect that peace to others during this Christmas season.