

He Gives Us Peace

Philippians 4.9-13 contain some of Paul's greatest writing. In verse 12 he says, *I have learned the secret of being content*. He had found true peace. How? How is it he could say, *I am able to do all things through Him who strengthens me*. Where did Paul get this peace? John 14.27 provides the answer: *Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Don't let your heart be troubled or fearful*. What is true peace? From where does it come? What is the impact of peace?

I. John 14.27a - Defining True Peace

A. Romans 5.1-11 - A State of Peace

1. 5.1 - the *peace* in this verse is the removal of enmity between God and man.
2. 5.4-5 - We now move from the perspective of **hope** and assurance.
3. 5.10-11 - we have received **reconciliation**.
4. Colossians 1.20-22:
 - a) 1.20: The present state of peace was made *through His blood, shed on the cross*.
 - b) 1.22: Jesus presents you to the Father as *holy, faultless, and blameless*.
5. Psalm 85.10 - A time was coming when *righteousness and peace would embrace*.

B. John 14.27 - The Experience of Peace

1. Philippians 4.7: *And the **peace** of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus*.
2. 4.7: Peace will **guard** your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
3. Peace acts as a *guard* against:
 - a) Negative self-talk
 - b) About our past - we're not guilty. We stand forgiven, Romans 5.1.
 - c) Forgetting we presently stand by **grace**, Romans 5.2.
 - d) Fear about our future - our status as a son or daughter of God is never precarious.

II. John 14.27b - The Source of Peace

- A. 14.27b - *My peace I give to you*. Philippians 4.9 - God is *the God of peace*.
- B. John 14.23, 26; 16.14 - The Spirit supplies.
- C. John 14.27 - **My** peace. It's the same peace He possessed as He went to the cross.
 1. 14.27 - *I do not give to you as the world gives*. There is no peace in this world and never will be.

III. 14.27c - The Impact of Peace

- A. 14.27c - *Don't let your heart be troubled or **fearful***.
- B. Peace has been given to us — but it must also be received and applied to our life.
 1. *How much do I believe God? How much will I trust His peace?*

IV. As We Close...

A. 2 Corinthians 4.8-9; 17-18:

1. Elevate your focus.
2. Turn your attention away from the problem ... and look to the eternal.
3. Turn your attention off yourself ... and look to Jesus.

B. Colossians 3.15-17:

1. 3.15 - *Let the peace of Christ **rule** your heart*.
2. 3.16 - Allow the word to dwell in you ... with abundance.
3. 3.17 - operate from perspective of thankfulness...

C. All of this is yours. Will you allow the peace of Christ to rule your life?