

:: Summary

In these days, we are each experiencing the weight and truth of Scripture's declaration that the creation God waits in eager expectation of being liberated from its bondage to decay, groaning as in the pains of childbirth. And if we are being honest, we can acknowledge that our souls have been rocked, our sense of security shaken, and confidence in our earthly future reduced. In the midst of the trouble in this world, Jesus continually gives us his peace, a peace not of this world.

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In the midst of this pandemic, what is the biggest uncertainty you are personally dealing with right now?

:: Explore and Discuss - Read John 14:27 and John 16:33

What do you think Jesus means by the statement "I do not give to you as the world gives"?

Can fear and peace co-exist?

In Scripture, the word "heart" refers to the spiritual, intellectual, emotional, rational, and volitional dimensions of being human. In Hebrew thought, these functions are woven together in unity in the human heart.

God's peace is an inner and outer harmony, wholeness, and unity that is fully experienced through a right relationship with God. It includes the ideas of completeness; soundness in mind, body, and spirit; harmonious relationships with others; and intimate relationship with God – loving God and being known and loved by God. One day, this world will be renewed and God's peace will fill it as well.

What are the implications of Jesus' two commands concerning the heart in these verses?

Which one of the aspects of peace noted above do you desire more of in your life? Explain

:: make it personal

In the message, Pastor Mike shared this acronym:

P rayer is your first resort.

E verything is under God's control.

A ll things can be done through Christ who strengthens you.

C onfidence in God is your sure foundation.

E xamine your fears in light of God's faithfulness.



Which of these brings you peace? What other biblical truths strengthen your experience of peace?

Referring to Romans 8:18-23, Pastor Mike indicated that "this world cannot give you peace, it can only make you long for it." For you personally, what are some specific ways this world makes you long for God's peace?

:: Pray

Using Colossians 1:15-20, offer worshipful prayer to the One who has given you peace.

Pray for one another in light of your conversation.

