

Our Peace

Php 4.6-7

This is part of a whole context of thought from the apostle Paul.

- Walking in unity
- Filling our minds with rejoicing
- Having the mind of Christ
- Living in calm moderation
- Knowing that no matter what we face the Lord is at hand!

And Paul specifically says *Jesus the Lord!*

The Lord with all of His Righteousness, strength and judgment.

The Lord with all of his reign and sovereign control.

He's not just Savior, ***but the Lord of the realm.***

Not one hair goes unnoticed; not one sparrow falls; not when lily goes naked.

So that in itself gives me peace!

I'm going to use the analogy of a car today...a vehicle.

- Prayer is the vehicle that moves us into peace.
- Faith is the fuel of that vehicle.
- The ignition switch is Thanksgiving
- The result is a peaceful guarded Journey

First, the vehicle that moves us into peace.

In everything by prayer and supplication

Prayer is with "all types of prayer and supplication in the spirit being watchful to this end: with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints." (Ephesians 6).

Remember there are two aspects to prayer:

The first is the Greek word proseuxo, which means "to make a wish toward".

It's the general converse of the soul with God.

It is Jesus praying all night; praying without ceasing; worship and communion.

The second aspect of prayer is deesis, "asking out of urgent need".

Supplication, direct petitioning; intercessory prayer targeting specific needs

But we need to charge this vehicle!

The fuel for this vehicle is faith.

Peace does not come by prayer, *peace comes by believing*. Without believing there can be no supplication!

He that comes to God must believe that he is and he is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

The *prayer of faith* will save the sick.

Prayer without faith is just empty words.

Only Faith will run the vehicle of prayer and supplication! Peace comes from the fuel of Faith

Next, the ignition switch of prayer is Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving is not complex. You all know the word for Thanksgiving in the greek: eucharisteo...thanks!
Biblical Thanksgiving is simply gratitude...it's grateful worship

What is my ignition switch? Key? *I can pray and ask because I already knows he hears me!*

Result?

A peaceful, guarded journey.

The peace of God which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

I am being guarded.

Remember where Paul was when he wrote this. Under guard!

I wonder if he looked at the Roman guard in front of him and thought, *that's how God guards me I am under house arrest!*

1 Peter 1.5