

Christmas Superlative: Prince of Peace

Philippians 4:6-7

Introduction:

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.
Isaiah 9:6

“His is a joy which consequences cannot quench. His is a peace which circumstances cannot steal.”
- Max Lucado

I. To claim His peace there must be a resolve to trust Him. (V. 6a)

Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.
Psalms 55:22

A. The Scripture gives us the intent concerning our resolve.

Be careful for nothing; **Philippians 4:6**

Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? **Matthew 6:27**

“Worrying is using your imagination to create something you don’t want.”
- Abraham Hicks

For the woman caught in adultery it was peace from her accusers.

Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more. **John 8:11**

For the woman at the well it was peace from her past.

Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: **John 4:29**

For a dad whose son was demon possessed.

Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatick, and sore vexed: for oftentimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water. **Matthew 17:15**

B. The Scripture gives us the extent concerning our resolve.

... but in everything **Philippians 4:6**

“Faith is yours. It’s paid for. It’s set aside and waiting for you. But you have to take hold of it and put it to work. Remember, it is gift from God and He doesn’t skimp.
You have huge faith available to you. More than enough.”
- Jennifer Kennedy Dean

II. To claim His peace there must be a request before Him. (V. 6b)

A. There is the equation of our solicitation.

... by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving

Philippians 4:6

Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. Selah.
Psalms 62:8

“Paul does not write, ‘Pray about it!’ He is too wise to do that. He uses three different words to describe ‘right praying’: prayer, supplication, and thanksgiving. ‘Right praying’ involves all three.

The word *prayer* is the general word for making requests known to the Lord. It carries the idea of adoration, devotion, and worship. Whenever we find ourselves worrying, our first action ought to be to get alone with God and worship Him.”

- Warren Wiersbe

B. There is the emotion of our solicitation.

... let your requests be made known unto God.

Philippians 4:6

III. To claim His peace there must be a release to Him. (V.7)

A. It is a release that brings about a surpassing peace.

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding,

Philippians 4:7

“The opposite of peace is worry. The Greek word for anxious means to have ‘a mind divided’ between legitimate thoughts and destructive thoughts. Destructive thoughts will choke out the Word of God and cause believer to abandon trust.”

- David Jeremiah

Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.
Jeremiah 33:3

B. It is a release that brings about a Savior’s protection.

... shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:7

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.
John 14:27