

The Peace of God

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4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice! 5 Let your gentle *spirit* be known to all men. The Lord is near. 6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Slide 2

- 1 I think I would read 6 and 7 just to give more context to the opening... but your call
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Recap

- Be Reconciled to one another (this takes work!)
 - Confession—I am sorry!
 - Forgiveness—Letting go of the anger (required!)
 - Repentance—Stop the sin, do the right thing
 - Restitution—make it up, restore trust
 - Reconciliation—restored, strengthened relationship
- Your names are together written in the Book of Life!

Rejoice & again I say Rejoice (4)

- Are we getting the message yet?
- If there is anyone who has reason not rejoice its Paul
- Paul adds the qualifier to Rejoice in the Lord ALWAYS
- In ALL times there is reason to be thankful
- Remember the context (3)?
- “Indeed, true companion, I ask you also to help these women who have shared my struggle in the cause of the gospel, together with Clement also and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.”

Gentleness made Known (5)

- *epieikeṣ* appropriate, gentle, moderation, patient
- *Ginosko* to know, to perceive, to be sure of, to feel
- Gentleness on display means gentleness practiced
- Gentleness shines when out of place & not expected
- In no way connected to weakness

All one Picture!

- We are destined for eternity together with Christ
- Therefore: rejoice in all circumstances
- Let gentleness be on display always for all to see
- The Lord is near *eggus*
- Imminent in His return be about reflecting His work!
 - Near as in proximity, with you, alongside



Philippians 4:6-7

6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Be Anxious for Nothing! (6)

- Christ is both immanent and near, why worry?
- In everything Through Prayer and Supplication
- In everything with thanksgiving
- Make your requests known to God
- “And God will supply all your desires according to His role as a celestial sugar daddy!” No?
- “And God will supply all my needs In the order, timing, and I demand.” Still no?

The Peace of God! (7)

- God does not offer answers for the above prayers
- God offers His Peace/Himself (9)
- His Peace which is superior to all understanding
 - Guard *phroueo* hem in, protect with a garrison
 - Hearts *kardia* thoughts & feelings
 - Minds *noema* perceptions, disposition & thoughts
 - Through the presence of Christ (who is near)



Philippians 4:8-9

8 Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things. 9 The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Think on These Things (8)

- Repentance of the mind
 - Whatever is true
 - Whatever is honorable
 - Whatever is right
 - Whatever is pure
 - Whatever is lovely
 - Whatever is of good repute
 - Any excellence
 - Anything worthy of praise

Practice These Things (9)

- Everything that you have:
 - Learned, Received, Heard, Seen in Paul's own life
 - Obtained through experiencing Paul's example
- Put these things into practice in your own lives
- Paul had hardship AND experienced the God of Peace
- IF you follow Paul's example you can experience Him

Why settle for Anxious?

- Relationships with believers have Christ to restore them
- Our trials are meant to be seen to bring glory to Christ
- Christ is near to us and returning
- If we are in prayer, and thanking God for everything...
- Christ offers Himself/peace and to direct our thoughts
- To a multitude of good things
- And are actively seeking to follow Christ's example
- Where even is the time to be anxious?