

*Peace
With
God*

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1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

3 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;

4 And patience, experience; and experience, hope:

5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

6 For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

Introduction

A. Peace - A very precious possession

B. The world is engaged in a search for personal peace

C. Peace with God is the most important peace of all

1 Corinthians 14:33

For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

2 Peter 3:14

Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

I. Peace With God Is Ours Through Faith In Jesus Christ (5:1)

A. A hard lesson for us to learn

Luke 19:42

Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes.

I. Peace With God Is Ours Through Faith In Jesus Christ (5:1)

B. Some things that do not bring peace with God

1. Sorrow for sins but not repentant

2 Corinthians 7:10

For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

2. Walking down a church aisle for show

Jeremiah 6:14

They have healed also the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace.

I. Peace With God Is Ours Through Faith In Jesus Christ (5:1)

B. Some things that do not bring peace with God (continued)

3. “Keeping” the Ten Commandments

Mark 10:20-21

20 And he answered and said unto him, Master, all these have I observed from my youth.

21 Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me.

I. Peace With God Is Ours Through Faith In Jesus Christ (5:1)

B. Some things that do not bring peace with God (continued)

4. Insincere or ritualistic prayer

2 Timothy 2:22

Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

Matthew 6:7

But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

I. Peace With God Is Ours Through Faith In Jesus Christ (5:1)

**C. Peace with God comes only through faith in Christ
Ephesians 2:14**

**For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath
broken down the middle wall of partition between us;**

Acts 4:12

**Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none
other name under heaven given among men, whereby
we must be saved.**

II. Peace With God Gives An Anticipation Of Eternity (5:2)

“And rejoice in hope of the glory of God”

A. Without peace with God we do not look forward to eternity

Hebrews 10:26-27

26 For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,

27 But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.

II. Peace With God Gives An Anticipation Of Eternity (5:2)

**B. Without peace with God we are not prepared to die
Matthew 22:12-13**

**12 And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in
hither not having a wedding garment? And he was
speechless.**

**13 Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand
and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer
darkness, there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.**

II. Peace With God Gives An Anticipation Of Eternity (5:2)

**C. Peace with God enables us to look forward to the
future**

Colossians 1:5-6

**5 For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven,
whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the
gospel;**

**6 Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and
bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day
ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth:**

III. Peace With God Gives An Understanding Of Life (5:3-5)

A. The design in our difficulties

1. Trouble makes us patient

2 Thessalonians 1:4-5

4 So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure:

5 Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer:

III. Peace With God Gives An Understanding Of Life (5:3-5)

A. The design in our difficulties - continued

2. Patience contributes to demonstrated experience

2 Corinthians 2:9

For to this end also did I write, that I might know the proof of you, whether ye be obedient in all things.

3. Experience brings us hope

Romans 15:13

Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

III. Peace With God Gives An Understanding Of Life (5:3-5)

A. The design in our difficulties - continued

4. Hope does not disappoint us

Philippians 1:20

According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death.

III. Peace With God Gives An Understanding Of Life (5:3-5)

**B. The Holy Spirit fills our hearts with God's love
Ephesians 3:19**

**And to know the love of Christ, which passeth
knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of
God.**

III. Peace With God Gives An Understanding Of Life (5:3-5)

C. This love helps us be confident even in trials

Romans 8:35

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

**Will you receive Christ by faith and be at
peace with God?**