

**Reading:** John 14:1-3,27

**Topic:** Finding Peace In  
A Difficult Time

**INTRODUCTION:** Everyone desires to have \_\_\_\_\_ in life – no one likes trouble, problems and upheavals that turn our world upside \_\_\_\_\_ but how does one find peace in those times?

## I. WHAT IS PEACE?

### A. Quietness & Rest

1. The word 'peace' is in the Word of God 429 times and it has \_\_\_\_\_ connotations, but the most commonly understood sense of the word is:

- In the Old \_\_\_\_\_ Hebrew language the word most used for peace is 'shalom' which means, "to be well."
- In the New \_\_\_\_\_ Greek language, the word most used for peace is 'eirene' which means "to be at rest" or "quietness."

### B. Not The Absence of Trouble:

- We often think that true \_\_\_\_\_ is the absence of trouble, problems and difficulties, but that is not what the Word of God teaches us about \_\_\_\_\_.
- In the story of the Shunamite woman in the days of Elisha, her only \_\_\_\_\_ had just died unexpectedly and she gets on a donkey and rides in a hurry to \_\_\_\_\_ the man of God. Notice her words:
  - To her husband – "It shall be \_\_\_\_\_." 2 Kings 4:23,24 (The word well here in Hebrew is "shalom")
  - To Gehazi, the servant of Elisha – It is \_\_\_\_\_. 2 Kings 4:25,26 (Again the word well is 'shalom')
- We are familiar with an old hymn – "It is \_\_\_\_\_ With My Soul" but there is a story behind that song that most people are unaware of:
  - It was written by a man named Horatio G. Spafford who experienced great \_\_\_\_\_ in his life.
  - His \_\_\_\_\_ died unexpectedly of an illness, and then the great Chicago \_\_\_\_\_ happened and he lost most of his real estate investments and on top of those two great trials, his four daughters were on board a ship that was caught in a violent storm and it \_\_\_\_\_ carrying them to their deaths.
  - How could an individual write such a song saying "It is well with my soul," after suffering such \_\_\_\_\_ trials? It was because He was rooted in his \_\_\_\_\_ and trust in God.

## II. THE TRUE SOURCE OF PEACE:

### A. Not The World:

- Jesus stated that the world does give some \_\_\_\_\_ but it is not true \_\_\_\_\_ that people really need – instead the world offers alcohol, drugs, medications and carnal meditations. Jn. 14:27
- People also try to find \_\_\_\_\_ in the world by retreating to a quiet place in some wilderness or by taking a vacation in some remote \_\_\_\_\_ where there is quietness. ( doesn't bring inner peace)

### B. The Peace of Jesus:

- Jesus taught His disciples about \_\_\_\_\_ in two chapters of John – 14 and 16 and in both of those He was also teaching about the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Comforter, the Holy Spirit. John 14:25-27
- Jesus did not promise a life without any \_\_\_\_\_ or difficulties, but He did tell His disciples that they

- would have the true source of \_\_\_\_\_ and that they would find it in Him. John 16:33
3. Jesus emphasized the importance of \_\_\_\_\_ several times after His death, burial and resurrection, and spoke \_\_\_\_\_ unto His disciples. John 20:19-21, 26

### III. APPROPRIATING GOD'S PEACE TO OUR LIVES:

#### ***A. It Is Available:***

1. God is not a respecter of persons, so the availability of His \_\_\_\_\_ is for everyone who will receive it and it comes through the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Ghost. Romans 14:17
2. When we become full of the Spirit of God which is the Comforter that \_\_\_\_\_ taught about, and then He revealed that the Comforter was He Himself, then we have the \_\_\_\_\_ of Peace inside of us. Is. 9:6

#### ***B. Getting & Keeping the Peace:***

1. Even though we are children of God, there are times when things in our lives become \_\_\_\_\_ and we can tend to forget that we have a \_\_\_\_\_ of peace to help us get through it.
2. There are things that can be done to help us to retain the \_\_\_\_\_ of God even in trying times:
  - a. Get our \_\_\_\_\_ and thoughts focused on Jesus. Is. 26:3
  - b. Crank up our \_\_\_\_\_ life – more prayer = more \_\_\_\_\_. Phil. 4:6,7
  - c. Listen to good wholesome \_\_\_\_\_ music and even \_\_\_\_\_ along with it. I Sam. 16:14-16,23
  - d. Live a \_\_\_\_\_ that is pleasing to God. Ps. 37:37
  - e. Read and absorb the \_\_\_\_\_ of God into your life and it will bring \_\_\_\_\_ peace. Ps. 119:165

**CONCLUSION:** The world is going through times of \_\_\_\_\_ and many people are uneasy, fearful and uncertain about the \_\_\_\_\_ but we the children of God have a \_\_\_\_\_ of peace that will sustain us and give us confidence to face whatever comes our way. Rom. 15:13