Enjoying His Peace

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INTRODUCTION

- Peace is something that is integral to the Christian's life. The Lord expects us to have peace. Because we're living a life in Him. And because we are trusting in Him.
- And yet, how many of us would say that we truly have peace? The peace that God calls us to have, the peace that passes understanding.

1 Peace Is Contentment With the Things We Have

Philippians 4:4–8

- Peace is a lack of struggle. A lack of strife, confrontation, or restlessness. It's feeling that everything is going to be alright.
- It's finding contentment. Calm. Despite not having everything that we want. Despite the struggles and the difficulties.
- Peace is contentment with the things that we have. And it's the recognition that the Lord is the one and only who brings true peace.
- If we are pursuing excellence, and we are relying on God, Paul says, we will have peace.

2 Let the Peace of Christ Rule in Your Hearts

Colossians 3:14–16; Ephesians 4:3

- Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.
- If peace is ruling in our hearts, there's no room for worry. There is no room for doubt and faithlessness.
- If we want peace, not only do we have to have faith in God, but we need to rely on our brethren.
- The Lord is the one who brings us true peace through his word and through the love of the brother.

3 Faith That God Has Control

Matthew 8:23–27; Romans 8:37–39

- And he said to them, Why are you afraid? Oh, you of little faith. And he rose and rebuked the winds in the sea, and there was a great calm.
- They forgot who it was that was in control. How often do we do that same thing?
- The key to their fear, Jesus says, was their lack of faith.
- Once we've given him that control, the terror is over.

4 Prince of Peace, Control My Will

Isaiah 9:6–7; Matthew 26:39; James 1

- For to us a child is born. To us a son is given. And the government shall be upon his shoulder.
- How do we find that peace? It's by aligning our will with God's. By becoming one with him.
- No matter how painful it may be for us, our will and his must align.
- When we resist, that's when we lack peace. We must give ourselves over wholly to him.

5 Peace, Perfect Peace

Isaiah 26:3; Philippians 4:6–7

- You keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on you because he trusts in you.
- The knowledge that redemption brings helps to bring about peace.
- If we take those things to Jesus, there is nothing to find but calm, comfort, and peace.
- We subject ourselves to him, we align our wills with his and he will grant us that peace.

6 It Is Well With My Soul

Psalm 49:15; 2 Kings 4:26

- If we trust his word, if we serve him continually, we can have the knowledge that we are his and all is well.
- But take care that you are not a fair weather friend to God.
- But we do know that the God who sustained them will also be with us.
- Even though Satan wars against us and trials come, we have peace in the fact that Christ shed his own blood for our very souls.

THE CHALLENGE

Have you become a Christian by submitting to him in baptism? By saying, Not my will, but thine, be done.

MY NOTES