

Topics

- ✓ **Thursday:** *Settled in Complacency*
- ✓ **Friday:** *The Earnest Cry of Bartimaeus*

Philippians 4:6-7

⁶Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;

⁷and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

- There is “peace” that is *not* of God
- Do you have the “peace of God”?



The Peace of God

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A. The Meaning

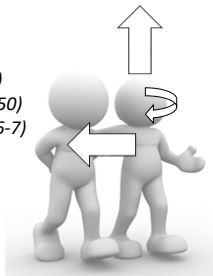
1. *BDAG*: “a state of concord, *peace, harmony*...a state of well-being, **peace**.”
2. *Lexham Theological Workbook*: “The state of well-being and concord”
3. *Louw-Nida*: “a set of favorable circumstances involving peace and tranquility... The meaning of ‘peace’ or ‘tranquility’ may be expressed in some languages in a negative form, for example, ‘to be without trouble’ or ‘to have no worries’ or ‘to sit down in one’s heart.’”
4. *Acts 24:2* (“peace” – NKJV, ESV; “quietness” - KJV)

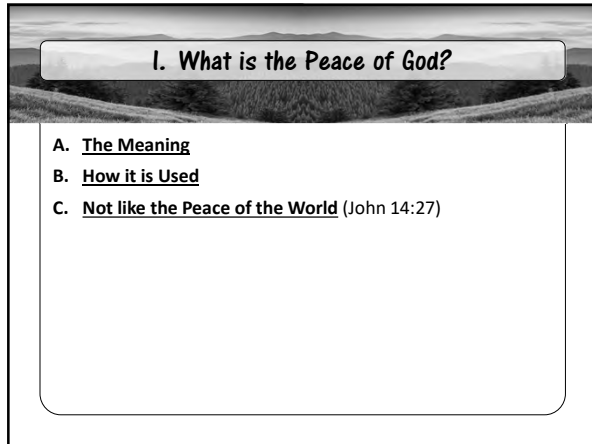
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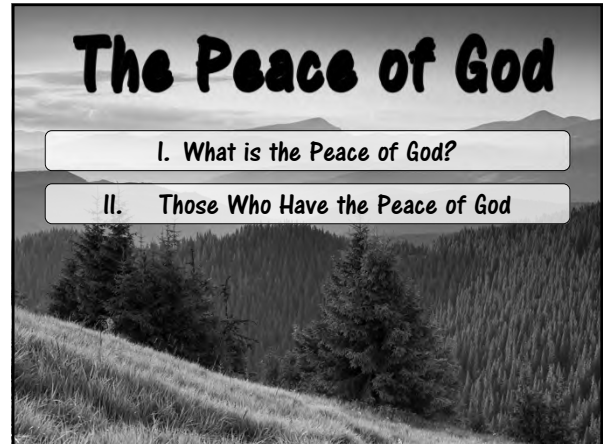
1. *Peace with God (Rom 5:1)*
2. *Peace with man (Mark 9:50)*
3. *Peace within self (Phil. 4:6-7)*





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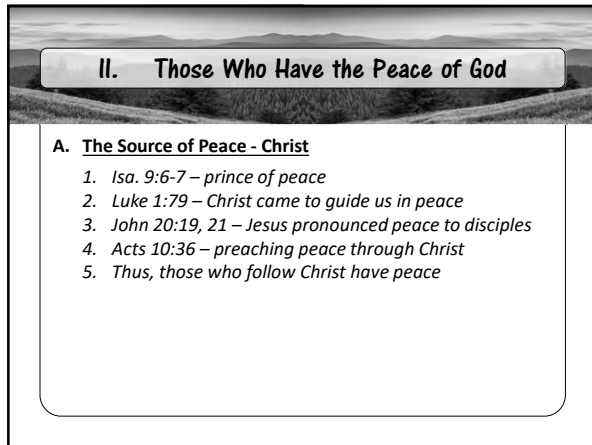
- A. The Meaning
- B. How it is Used
- C. Not like the Peace of the World (John 14:27)



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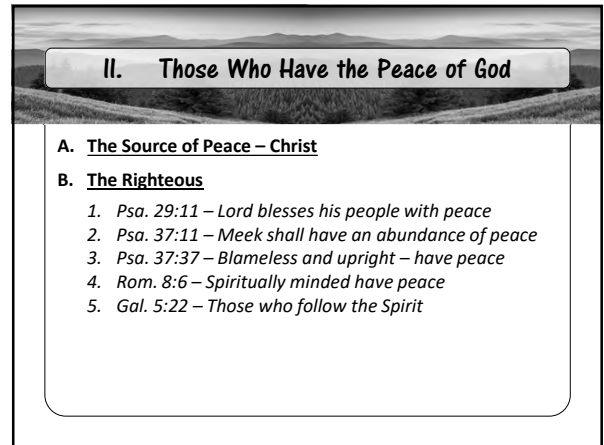
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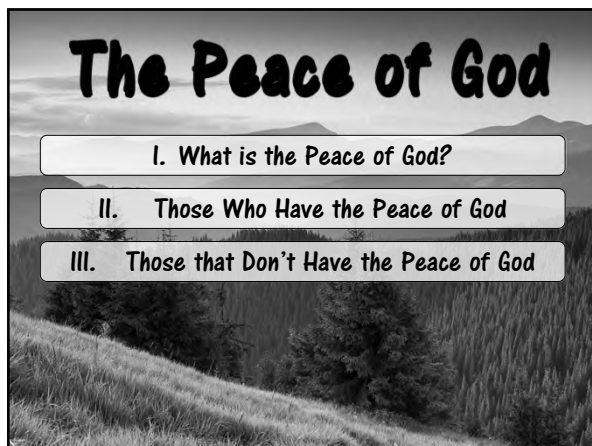
II. Those Who Have the Peace of God

- A. The Source of Peace - Christ
 1. *Isa. 9:6-7 – prince of peace*
 2. *Luke 1:79 – Christ came to guide us in peace*
 3. *John 20:19, 21 – Jesus pronounced peace to disciples*
 4. *Acts 10:36 – preaching peace through Christ*
 5. *Thus, those who follow Christ have peace*



II. Those Who Have the Peace of God

- A. The Source of Peace – Christ
- B. The Righteous
 1. *Psa. 29:11 – Lord blesses his people with peace*
 2. *Psa. 37:11 – Meek shall have an abundance of peace*
 3. *Psa. 37:37 – Blameless and upright – have peace*
 4. *Rom. 8:6 – Spiritually minded have peace*
 5. *Gal. 5:22 – Those who follow the Spirit*

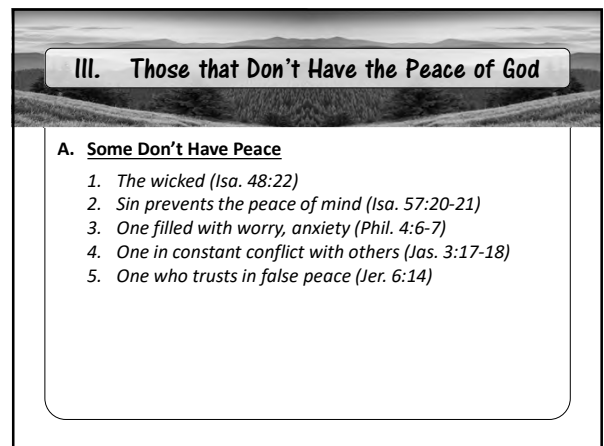


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II. Those Who Have the Peace of God

III. Those that Don't Have the Peace of God



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- A. Some Don't Have Peace
 1. *The wicked (Isa. 48:22)*
 2. *Sin prevents the peace of mind (Isa. 57:20-21)*
 3. *One filled with worry, anxiety (Phil. 4:6-7)*
 4. *One in constant conflict with others (Jas. 3:17-18)*
 5. *One who trusts in false peace (Jer. 6:14)*

III. Those that Don't Have the Peace of God

A. Some Don't Have Peace

B. Some Don't Know the Way of Peace

1. *Isa 59:8 (Rom. 3:17)*
2. *Include – don't know how & don't experience it*
3. *Don't know how to get along with others (Rom 12:18)*
4. *Don't know how to have inner tranquility*

III. Those that Don't Have the Peace of God

A. Some Don't Have Peace

B. Some Don't Know the Way of Peace

C. Some Don't Want it

1. *Hate peace (Psa. 120: 6-7)*
2. *Those who don't seek peace (Psa. 34:14)*
3. *Don't want to resolve conflicts with others*
4. *Don't want to correct the conflict with God*
5. *Confuse inner peace with unconcern & lack of care or lack of love*

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IV. Directions of the Peace of God

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A. Peace with God

1. *Sin separates from God (Isa. 59:1-2)*
2. *We made ourselves enemies of God (Rom. 5:10)*
3. *Reconciled to God by Christ (Rom 5:10; Col. 1:21)*
4. *Now have peace with God (Rom. 5:1; Acts 10:36)*

IV. Directions of the Peace of God

A. Peace with God

B. Peace with Man

1. *With all men*
 - a. *Rom. 12:18*
 - b. *Heb. 12:14*
2. *With brethren*
 - a. *Mark 9:50 – have peace with one another*
 - b. *Jas. 3:17-18 – wisdom – willing to yield*
 - c. *Rom. 14:9 – pursue things that make for peace*
 - d. *Col. 3:12-15 – context of unity*
 - e. *1 Cor. 14:33 – have peace – not confusion*

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C. Peace within Self


1. *Phil. 4:6-7*
2. *Rom. 15:13 - Peace & happiness go together*

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A. Let Peace Rule our hearts (Col. 3:15)



Peace of God Rules in Hearts

The word here rendered *rule*—*βραβευετω*—is commonly used in reference to the Olympic and other games. It means, to be a director, or arbiter of the public games; to preside over them and preserve order, and to distribute the prizes to the victors. The meaning here is, that the peace which God gives to the soul is to be to us what the *brabeutes*, or governor at the games was to those who contended there. It is to preside over and govern the mind; to preserve every thing in its place; and to save it from tumult, disorder, and irregularity. The thought is a very beautiful one. The soul is liable to the agitations of passion and excitement—like an assembled multitude of men. It needs something to preside over it, and keep its various faculties in place and order; and nothing is so well



fitted to do this as the calm peace which religion gives, a deep sense of the presence of God, the desire and the evidence of his friendship, the hope of his favour, and the belief that he has forgiven all our sins. The "peace of God" will thus calm down every agitated element of the soul; subdue the tumult of passion, and preserve the mind in healthful action and order—as a ruler sways and controls the passions of assembled multitudes of men.

Albert Barnes, *Notes on the New Testament: Ephesians, Philippians & Colossians*. (pp. 278–279).

Peace of God Controlling Thoughts / Passions ← Which Is It? → Thoughts / Passions Destroying Any Peace

V. Manifestations of the Peace of God

- A. Let Peace Rule our hearts (Col. 3:15)
- B. Turn Worry & Anxiety to God (Phil. 4:6-7; 1 Pet. 5:7)
- C. Trust in God (Heb. 13:20)
- D. Content (Phil. 4:11)
- E. Spiritually Minded (Rom. 8:6)
- F. Strive for Unity (Eph 4:1-3)

*Should
Live in Peace (2 Cor. 13:11)*

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