

Sunday, 3 March 2024
Peace When There Is No Peace

A benefit of being a believer in Jesus Christ is we can experience God's peace in the middle of troubled times. 2 Thessalonians 3:16

1 Man-made peace

- 1.1. There are two kinds of peace - John 14:27
- 1.2. Peace (Dictionary): freedom of war, disturbance, hostility; calm
- 1.3. Unbelievers don't know the peace of God - Romans 3:17
- 1.4. Man-made peace is temporary and based on outward circumstances.

2 The Peace of God

- 2.1. God wants His people to experience His peace - Psalm 29:11
- 2.2. The word peace is found hundreds of times in the Bible.
- 2.3. Peace (Hebrew shalom): safety, tranquility, rest, soundness, completeness, favor, prosperity, health, whole
- 2.4. Jesus is our Prince of Peace - Isaiah 9:6
- 2.5. When we become born again, we have peace with God - Romans 5:1
- 2.6. God's peace originates from the inside.

3 How to experience God's peace

- 3.1. Being spiritually minded brings life and peace - Romans 8:6
- 3.2. Being carnally minded leads to unrest and destruction.
- 3.3. A carnally minded person listens to what the world says.
- 3.4. A spiritually minded person asks: What does God and His Word say?
- 3.5. We choose between being carnally or spiritually minded - Colossians 3:2
- 3.6. We must keep our minds (thoughts) on Him - Isaiah 26:3
- 3.7. "Filter out" from your mind what's not from God - Philippians 4:8-9
- 3.8. His Word brings peace - Psalm 119:165

Conclusion: As we look to Him and what His Word says, our focus shifts and we can experience His peace even in troubled times.

Discussion questions:

1. What are some of the differences between man-made peace and the peace of God?
2. What are some examples of what the 'world' is saying?
3. Why is it so important to be spiritually minded?
4. How do we stay in God's peace?