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Peace Pt 2 Christ is our peace

This is our second & final study on the word "peace" in the scriptures. In our first study we established four points– (i) seek peace and pursue it, (ii) God is a God of peace, (iii) The Lord gives peace, and (iv) Israel had no peace when they were immersed in whoredoms. In this study we establish three points– (i) The Lord Jesus came not to give peace on earth, but division, (ii) Christ made peace through the blood of His cross, and (iii) the good news message is called the gospel of peace.

It is from our search of the scriptures that we establish our points–

1. The Lord Jesus came not to give peace on earth but division

"Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, Nay; but rather division" (Lk.12: 51).

2. Christ made peace through the blood of His cross

"And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself..." (Col.1: 20).

3. The good news message is called the gospel of peace

"And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" (Rom 10:15).

Illustration

I will never forget a discussion with a brother, who, in a moment of sharing something personal, revealed to me that he had no peace, and could not understand why. And neither could I at the time– until now. Because we are saved by believing the gospel of peace, we receive the Holy Ghost who bears fruit of peace. So we have peace that passes all understanding, which "shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Phil.4: 7).

Questions of the scriptures

i) How can a Christian have peace in times of tribulation? ii) How can a Christian have NO peace?

Answers from the scriptures

i) Christ has overcome the world therefore be of good cheer (have peace)

"These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world" (Jn.16:33)

Believers are in the body of Christ, they are in the kingdom of God which is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost– Rom 14:17– "For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost".

ii) The Holy Ghost bears the fruit of peace, and is given in righteousness therefore when we sin and do not repent of our iniquity we quench the Holy Ghost, and so have no peace– Eph.5: 9– "(For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)" – CF.– 1Thes.5: 19– "Quench not the Spirit".

We will have tribulation from this world, let not your heart be troubled– you have Christ in you, and Christ gives you His peace, and you have the Spirit dwelling in you, and He bears the fruit of peace! If you have no peace, ask the Lord to reveal your sin that is quenching the Spirit, and may He bear the peace of Christ in you, that passes all understanding!