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Peace Pt 2 Through the cross of Christ we have peace

This is our second study on the word “peace” in the scriptures. In our previous study we established – (1) God is a God of peace, (2) there is not peace unto the wicked, and (3) the work of righteousness is peace. In this teaching we establish that – (1) Jesus said to his disciples – peace I leave you, my peace I give you, not as the world give, (2) Christ is our peace, and (3) the good news we preach is known as the gospel of peace.

Our three points established from the scriptures –

1. Jesus left His disciples His peace, not as the world would give them
“Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid” (Jn.14: 27).

2. Christ is our peace.

“For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us” (Eph.2:14).

3. The gospel of Christ–crucified is also known as 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). See also Eph.6: 15.

Illustration

People of the world have no peace, no certainty over tomorrow will bring – will we continue with COVID–19. This world is only tribulation. This world, for those who are **not** saved by the blood there is NO peace about their future, their family nor where they will spend eternity. Hence, many turn to drink, to “play”, “a–muse–ment” to give them some sort of peace– of the world. Without their play time, their world cups, their drink– the tribulations of life would be too much. But in Christ we have peace.

Question to think about.

Why is there peace in Christ?

Answer from the scriptures

* “These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation...I have overcome the world” (Jn.16:33).

* “For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh” (Rom.8: 2, 3).

* “Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil” (Heb. 2: 14).

* We therefore have victory over death “The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Cor.15: 5r–57).

* “But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him” (Rom.5: 8, 9). We have the peace of Christ by faith in His work on the cross – “the peace of God, which passeth all understanding” (Phil.4: 7). Hence we preach the gospel of peace to those who have no peace.