

SERMON NOTES

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FOR CHRISTMAS

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John 14: 23 - 27 (AMPC)

²³ Jesus answered, If a person [really] loves Me, he will keep My word [obey My teaching]; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home (abode, special dwelling place) with him.

²⁴ Anyone who does not [really] love Me does not observe *and* obey My teaching. And the teaching which you hear *and* heed is not Mine, but [comes] from the Father Who sent Me.

²⁵ I have told you these things while I am still with you.

²⁶ But the Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengtheners, Standby), the Holy Spirit, Whom the Father will send in My name [in My place, to represent Me and act on My behalf], He will teach you all things. And He will cause you to recall (will remind you of, bring to your remembrance) everything I have told you.

²⁷ Peace I leave with you; My [own] peace I now give *and* bequeath to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. [Stop allowing yourselves to be agitated and disturbed; and do not permit yourselves to be fearful and intimidated and cowardly and unsettled.]

- It is not God's will for us to be worried, anxious or be in fear.
- Do not let worry, anxiety or fear control you. You control it!
- We lack the peace of God when we are in worry.
- Having *peace with God* brings the *peace of God*.
- The peace of God gives you a fulfilled life.

Philippians 4:6 - 7 (AMPC)

⁶ Do not fret *or* have any anxiety about anything, but in every circumstance *and* in everything, by prayer and petition (definite requests), with thanksgiving, continue to make your wants known to God.

⁷ And God's peace [shall be yours, that tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Christ, and so fearing nothing from God and being content with its earthly lot of whatever sort that is, that peace] which transcends all understanding shall garrison *and* mount guard over your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

- Definition of peace - “Bind Together” (words, thoughts, heart and actions). Being in unity and in agreement.
- You abide in Christ by agreeing with what He said in the Bible.
- Saying what Christ said in His Word is abiding with Him and agreeing with Him.
- Remain stable in the storm when you abide in Christ and agree with His word.
- Take authority over your circumstances!

John 16:33 (AMPC)

³³ I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have [perfect] peace *and* confidence. In the world you have tribulation *and* trials *and* distress *and* frustration; but be of good cheer [take courage; be confident, certain, undaunted]! For I have overcome the world. [I have deprived it of power to harm you and have conquered it for you.]

- Believe for all of God’s promises!
- Peace comes from a relationship with God. Being rooted and grounded in God. Be stable in the storm.
- Are you talking faith? or Are you talking lack and fear?
- When you agree with God in your thoughts, actions and words, you will have the peace of God in midst of the storm.
- Be led by the peace of God, not driven by people, problems or culture.
- Direct your moods by rejoicing in the Lord, not letting your moods direct you.
- Respond with the right attitude and motivation.
- Rejoicing in the Lord always will kick start your joy and peace.

Psalm 29:11 (KJV)

¹¹ The LORD will give strength unto his people; the LORD will bless his people with peace.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is the definition of peace?
2. Where does peace come from?
3. Declare: “I have the peace of God when I am in agreement with God.”