

Authentic Living

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Galatians 5:22; Romans 5:1

Introduction

“The fruit of the Spirit of peace begins with God, brings peace within and empowers us to have peace with others.”

I. Peace with God

“Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” Romans 5:1

The basis of our peace with God is our justification by faith in Jesus Christ. This is the point where all peace begins. We cannot have peace within or peace with others until we first have peace with God.

“But the wicked are like the tossing sea; for it cannot be quiet, and its waters toss up mire and dirt. There is no peace, says my God, for the wicked.” Isaiah 50:21

“And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds...” Col. 1:21

II. Peace of God

A) Peace Within

*“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything let your requests be made known to God. **And the peace of God**, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6,7*

Now that our greatest need has been taken care of in peace WITH God, the peace OF God is now under attack.

*“I have said these things to you, **that in me you may have peace**. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart I have overcome the world.” John 16:33*

*“Peace I leave with you; **my peace I give to you**. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.” John 14:27*

“...casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.” 1 Peter 5:7

“You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.” Isaiah 26:3

“For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.” Romans 8:6

A life filled with this kind of peace is a powerful witness to the gospel.

B) Peace With Others

“As far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.” Romans 12:18

“Make every effort to do what leads to peace.” Romans 14:19

“Let the peace of Christ rule your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace.” Colossians 3:15

Make every effort to live in peace with all men.” Hebrews 12:14

*“Whoever would love life and see good days...must seek peace and pursue it.”
1 Peter 3:10,11*

1 Conclusion

“Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.” 2 Thessalonians 3:16

Questions:

- 1) On a scale of 0 to 5, how would you assess your: peace with God? Peace Within? Peace with Others?
- 2) What is or has robbed you of peace? Finances? Children? Job?
- 3) How can a life of peace be a powerful witness of the gospel?
- 4) How can you ‘cast your anxieties on Him?’
- 5) How do you pursue peace with others?