

“Jesus Gives Us Peace”

Lesson Text: John 14:23-29 (verse 27).

- (1) Last speeches with the disciples before He goes back to the Father.
- (2) Jesus wants them to be prepared for the difficult times ahead of them.
- (3) He makes a vast distinction between what the world gives and His peace.

I. What Is This Peace Jesus Gives Us?

A. Webster: “a state of tranquility or quiet; freedom from disquieting or oppressive thoughts or emotions; harmony in personal relations.”

B. Gr. *eirene* “occurs in each of the books of the NT, save 1 John and save in Acts 7:26 [‘(at) one again’] it is translated “**peace**” in the rv. It describes (a) **harmonious relationships between men**, Matt. 10:34; Rom. 14:19; (b) **between nations**, Luke 14:32; Acts 12:20; Rev. 6:4; (c) **friendliness**, Acts 15:33; 1 Cor. 16:11; Heb. 11:31; (d) **freedom from molestation**, Luke 11:21; 19:42; Acts 9:31 (rv, ‘peace,’ kjv, ‘rest’); 16:36; (e) **order, in the State**, Acts 24:2 (rv, ‘peace,’ kjv, ‘quietness’); **in the churches**, 1 Cor. 14:33; (f) **the harmonized relationships between God and man, accomplished through the gospel**, Acts 10:36; Eph. 2:17; (g) **the sense of rest and contentment consequent thereon**, Matt. 10:13; Mark 5:34; Luke 1:79; 2:29; John 14:27; Rom. 1:7; 3:17; 8:6.”

“**The God of peace**” is a title used in **Rom. 15:33; 16:20; Phil. 4:9; 1 Thess. 5:23; Heb. 13:20; cf. 1 Cor. 14:33; 2 Cor. 13:11.** (Vine’s Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words (Vol. 2, p. 464).

C. It Is God’s Character— Love, Joy, Peace.... Galatians 5:22; 2 Corinthians 13:11.

II. How Is It Different From The World’s Peace?

A. Can The World Truly Give Us Peace? John 16:33.

B. The World Doesn’t Want To Give Up Sin- Romans 3:12-17; Galatians 5:19-21.

C. We Can Never Have Peace With The World— Romans 12:1-2; John 15:18-19.

D. Christians Can Have Peace Even In Trials. In Suffering, and In Pain.

— Song: “*It Is Well With My Soul*” **Philippians 4:7.** The world doesn’t understand....

III. How Is Jesus The Prince Of Peace?

A. Isaiah 9:6; Luke 2:14; Luke 19:36-42.

B. Our Perfect Example of Peace- Mark 4:35-41.

C. Jesus Is The King of Peace- Hebrews 7:2; 1 Timothy 6:15.

D. Jesus brought Peace To Jews And Gentiles- Ephesians 2:11-18.

E. Jesus Reconciles Sinners To God- Colossians 1:19-23.

F. Jesus Established A Kingdom of Peace- Romans 14:17; 1 Corinthians 14:33.

G. Jesus is the Central Theme of Gospel of Peace- Acts 10:36; Ephesians 6:15.

IV. How Can You Have This Peace From Jesus?

1. By Living of the Gospel- **Romans 5:1; Matthew 5:9; Galatians 5:22-26.**

2. By Pursuing it with all men- **Romans 14:19; Hebrews 12:14; 1 Peter 3:11.**

3. By Praying For Our Enemies and going the “*extra mile*” **Luke 6:27-30.**

4. By doing all we can to be peaceable- **Romans 12:17-21; 1 Thess. 4:11-12.**

Conclusion: Philippians 4:2-9.