The Peace of God

Scripture: 2 Thessalonians 3:16

Series: Future Grace for Godliness

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Overview

We all have a deep need for peace. Most people seek a change in their present circumstances to achieve that peace. But, Christian peace is a tranquility of the soul and a freedom from our present troubles based on a harmonious relationship with God through Jesus Christ our Lord. The peace of God is best experienced in the difficult moments of life.

Corraborating Texts

Numbers 6:24-26, John 14:27, Colossians 1:21-22, John 16:33, Psalm 23, Romans 15:13, Psalm 119:165, Philippians 4:6

Discussion Questions

- 1. In what areas of your life do you hunger for peace?
- 2. We all experience a lack of peace in our external circumstances as well as internally within our hearts. How are the external and internal sources of unrest related? [all worldly conflict is a symptom of the post-fall hostility toward God that is common to man]
- 3. How do we get the internal peace that we all need? [Colossians 1:21-22]
- 4. What becomes of our external unrest when we have peace with God? [Like Jesus, we can experience an eternal hope and joy even in the midst of great temporal suffering, Hebrews 12:2].
- 5. Pastor Joe stated that God's peace flourishes in our difficult circumstances. How is this so?
- 6. How frequently and in what ways can we feel peace? [all times and in every way per 3:16] If this is not your experience, what is the problem? [We can increase our experience of the peace of Jesus Christ through the paths that God has provided: faith (Romans 15:13), scripture (Psalm 119:165) and prayer (Philippians 4:6)]

