

Sermon Notes

Peace and Security - John 16:33

July 19, 2020

I. Introduction

- a. God has great sense of humor... last week's message about joy... how do we get it (Word)... opened up lemonade after church (bottle cap)... it did bring me joy until it was gone... consuming this (bible) will bring overflowing joy... John 15:11... "I have told you these things so your joy may be complete..." pleroo... to make full, fill to the full; supply liberally; nothing shall be wanting...
- b. cold lemonade, fishing, shopping, reading, hiking, massage... great sources of happiness (how you feel)... joy comes from what you know (Word)... hire patience... let it work... stay consistent in faith... be made complete... Jam 1... "consider trials great joy... because you know..."
- c. peace is a close cousin of joy... peace is what people are after... righteousness, peace, and joy bring you power and authority in this world... pray... Rom 14:17... "kingdom is not... but righteousness, peace, and joy in HS..." basileia... power, authority; not actual kingdom, but right and authority to rule... Rom 15:13... "may God of hope fill you with joy and peace as you believe..."

II. Peace and Security

- a. dangerous message... warn you... devil is going to try to steal this as soon as he can... get you/others to contradict everything I say... know, not feel this... Matt 13... "secrets of kingdom (power) have been given to you... they do not see or hear or understand with their hearts... when anyone hears the word about the kingdom (power)... devil comes and snatches away what was sown in heart..." Acts 17:11... "listened eagerly... searched Scriptures to see if it was truth..."
- b. peace is not earned, it is a gift, you receive it... world gives you trouble, God gives you peace... can be joyful because you have victory in Christ... John 14:27... "I am leaving you with a gift... peace of mind and heart... peace I give is a gift the world cannot give... do not be troubled or afraid..." John 16:33... "I have told you these things so that in Me you may have peace... in this world you will have trouble... take heart, I have overcome the world..." shalom... completeness, soundness, welfare, safety, health, prosperity, contentment... eirene... security, safety, prosperity, harmony; fearing nothing from God...
- c. not of world, but in world... stuff will happen... lots of things will try to steal your peace... must know how to respond (word)... devil will use negative emotions to move you away from God... don't let him... live in, don't visit... 2Cor 13:11... "be joyful... grow to maturity... encourage each other... live in peace... then the God of love and peace will be with you..." Col 3:15... "let peace (not emotions) of Christ rule your hearts... be thankful..."
- d. how do you know when that feeling, thought, action is from God... you'll be at peace... not author of confusion... don't make decisions without peace... 1Cor 14:33... "God is not a God of disorder, but of peace..."

- e. peace is security in midst of trouble... security is freedom from care, worry, or stress... when peace is threatened... time to put some ammo (bullet verses) in your weapon and pull the trigger (nerf)... I'll just leave that right there... Matt 6... "don't worry... seek first kingdom (power) and His righteousness..." Phil 4... "always be full of joy... don't worry about anything... in everything, with prayer and thanksgiving... present your request to God... peace of God which surpasses all understanding will guard heart and mind in Christ..." 1Pet 5:7... "cast all your cares on Him... because He cares about you..."
- f. stress and worry trigger negative emotions... how will you respond... ½ gallon of ice cream... 5th of Jack... pills, porn, anger, fear... other unhealthy choices... gotta take proper medicine in order to help you deal with it... Prov 4:20-23... "pay attention to my words... listen closely... don't lose sight of them... keep them in heart... life to those who find... health to whole body..." Matt 4:4... "man doesn't live on bread alone... but every word from God..." zao... enjoy real life; active, blessed; strong, efficient, powerful; quickening health...
- g. depression is demonic oppression... sorrow, unfulfilled expectations, rejection, DRT, illness fuel it... good word leads you out (thanks, don't complain, compare)... 1Sam 16:14... "had tormenting spirit... filled him with depression and fear..."
- h. cannot be just a good sermon you hear... need to practice... practice assumes you aren't perfect... God doesn't expect you to be... His Son was for you... Phil 4:8-9... "think about PERT PLAN... put into practice all you learned, received, heard, seen in me... then the God of peace will be with you..."
- i. don't know what you're going thru... don't pitch a tent there (Lot)... exposure leads to thoughts, feelings, actions... limit your exposure... you have authority over your heart... even a broken heart is not too far beyond God's power... Luke 4:18... "preach gospel... heal brokenhearted... proclaim freedom..." John 8:31-32... "then you will know truth... and truth will set you free..."
- j. not trying to be harsh... trying to set you free... ride emotional roller coaster if you want... don't have to... why are you following after and pursuing people who don't promote peace... some are black holes (suck life/energy)... stop it... Rom 1:12... "purpose is to be mutually encouraged by each other's faith..." Rom 12:18... "if possible... live at peace with everyone (not always possible)..." Rom 14:19... "let us pursue peace and what builds up one another..."
- k. how do we get more peace... just like joy... get more Word... Christians who try to live Christian life without word are firing blanks (NAM video)... carnal mind must be renewed to become spiritual... HS is one who does that... Isa 26:3... "you will keep in perfect peace the mind that is fixed on you..." John 6:63... "words I have spoken to you are Spirit and are life..." Acts 1:8... "you will receive power when HS comes upon you..." Rom 8:6-11... "carnal mind is death... spiritual mind is life and peace..." Rom 12:2... "don't conform... be transformed by renewing of your mind..." 2Cor 3:18... "we are being transformed into the same image... by the HS..."
- l. opportunities every day to worry or have peace (choice)... worry is focused on what you have to do... peace is focused on what Jesus has done... pray... Luke 2:14... "glory to God... upon earth peace... among men, good will..." Rom 10... "how can they believe without hearing... how can they hear without a preacher... how beautiful are the feet of those who preach gospel of peace..."

Jesus Has Given You His Peace

John 14:27... *Peace I leave with you... My peace I give to you...*

In Israel... Jews greet each other with the words... *shalom, shalom*.

Although *shalom* means *peace*... it doesn't mean just peace of mind like our English word *peace*. In the Hebrew... it means a **wholeness of your entire being**... spirit, soul and body. It means having a sense of **completeness and soundness**. It includes everything... your **prosperity, health**, and total well-being.

When Jesus spoke to His disciples in **John 14:27**... He did not use the English word, *peace*. He would have used the Hebrew word *shalom*... saying, *Shalom I leave with you, My shalom I give to you*. Interestingly... the word *leave* actually means *bequeath*... in the same way a rich man leaves his inheritance to a beneficiary.

The disciples must have been excited when they heard that Jesus was bequeathing (*leaving, granting, giving*) them His *shalom*. They must have known that to receive His *shalom* was to have His health because they had never seen Him sick. To have His *shalom* also meant never being in lack because He was never broke. Whenever He needed money... money was there. Once, money to pay the temple tax came in the mouth of a fish. **Matt 17:24-27**.

The disciples also understood that having Jesus' *shalom* meant having His abundance because they had seen Him meeting the needs of thousands with plenty of leftovers. **Mark 6:34-44**.

Jesus wanted His disciples to know that His peace was different from the peace that the world offers. **His peace would change** whatever **difficult circumstances** that came against them. Even if it was a monster storm... it would have to bow to His peace. The Prince of Peace merely spoke... *peace, be still*... and wind and sea obeyed Him. **Mark 4:39**. The perfect storm became perfect calm.

That is the kind of peace that Jesus has left to you in His will. You are the inheritor of that peace. Believe that His *shalom*... which He has left with you... will change all your difficult situations... bringing you from sickness, lack, and worry... to health, prosperity and total assurance of His care for you.

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Sermon Study

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1. Did you **experience joy** this week? What did it look like? How do you think it came? Read **John 15:11**. What does *complete* mean?
2. Read **Rom 14:17**. What things bring you **power and authority**? What is your part in that? Read **Rom 15:13**.
3. What does the **devil do** when you hear a message that has power? Read **Matt 13:10-23**. How have you had the Word stolen from you?
4. Read **John 14:27** and **John 16:33**. If peace is a gift... how good are you at receiving? What did Jesus **actually give** to you?
5. Does God want you going **in and out** of peace? Read **2Cor 13:11... Col 3:15... 1Cor 14:33**. Is He the author of confusion?
6. Read **Phil 4:4-9... Prov 4:20-23... Matt 4:4**. What things **bring peace** into your life? Are you **practicing** them? Why or why not?
7. Do you hang around people who **promote peace**? Read **Rom 1:12... Rom 12:18... Rom 14:19**. Do you need to make any changes?
8. How do you **transform** a carnal mind? Read **Isa 26:3... John 6:63... Rom 8:6-11... Rom 12:2... 2Cor 3:18... Rom 10:14-17**. What will you **practice** this week to allow the God of peace to be with you?

Peace is such a precious jewel that I would give anything for it but the truth. What peace can they have who are not at peace with God?
Matthew Henry

God cannot give us joy and peace apart from Himself, because it is not there. There is no such thing. CS Lewis