



I. Unsettling Times

II. All-surpassing Peace

Philippians 4:4-7

III. Peacemaking

Romans 12:14-21

v. 14-18

v. 19-21

IV. Growing in Peace

Personal Reflection

Take time this week to pray & reflect on the following:

Having peace is more than merely being free from worry or insecurity. It is altogether possible to be unafraid and unburdened but still lacking a persistent peace of mind and heart. Most people want to know the assurance of peace but assume it is impossible or unattainable.

Fundamentally, peace is about the abiding assurance of one's ongoing security—especially in the context of relationships. A person's relationship with God is the most critical area in which peace is needed. Thankfully, the Lord is eager to steady troubled hearts and minds through a personal relationship with Him.

The peace that comes from the Holy Spirit is rooted in a wholeness and completeness in one's relationship with God. The empowerment and encouragement that result from it enable a person to live as a peacemaker in a world that is hostile. Every follower of Christ shares in the duty and privilege of making peace wherever they go. It is difficult work and oftentimes demands great personal sacrifice.

Do you have the peace that comes through a relationship with Jesus? Has the security of that relationship emboldened and motivated you to be a peacemaker to others? If something is holding you back—fear, pride, selfishness, laziness, etc., are you willing to ask God to change your heart so that you can be sent forth as a peacemaker for His glory?

Prayerfully reflect upon whether or not you have peace from the Lord. Honestly assess if the peace He gives is resulting in fruitful and faithful work for His glory. Confess any areas of shortcoming in this regard. Commit to seek out opportunities to be a peacemaker among those with whom you interact and share life.