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Peace

In our hurried world, we often get wrapped up with so many troubles. Where is peace? The news shares tumultuous events that gets our attention. It includes information about our world of sin which includes rage, hate, war, sadness, and fear. The news people may share about people that are at odds with one another, sad or angry. Then when we have seen the "news" they end with a happier note. But remember the adage about when people see or hear one negative comment, they need five positives to dissuade all the negative. So where do we go to find peace?

Peace is one of the fruits of the spirit that results in people that have *crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Against such things there is no law* (Galatians 5:24). When we look at the life of Christ, we see many examples of living a peaceful life. How do these attributes fit Christ's life: calm, safe, healthy lifestyle, following God's will by being friendly, cheerful, loving, and helpful? In Hebrews we read: *Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord* (Hebrews 12:14).



The peace we have is because of Christ. It is the result of his death on the cross and his resurrection from the dead. Through Christ, we are granted faith. He conquered Satan and gives us hope for eternal life. Christ said this to remind us that he is with us. *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).

When we focus our eyes on Christ, pray to him and read his Word in the Bible, we can feel the peace that Christ is talking about. Christ continues to speak with his disciples: *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). We can have a life with less worry, less rage, and less fear because we know that Christ has redeemed us. We are his.

Christ says: *For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours* (John 17:8-9). Think of it, Christ is praying for us! Praying that our faith stays strong, praying for health, and peace in our lives, praying that we stay in the one true faith no matter what is going on in the world. We can sing praises to God and thank him for his unmeasurable love and grace.



"Forth in the peace of Christ we go; Christ to the world with joy we bring; Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips, Christ in our hearts, the world's true King." (LSB 920 verse 1)

Let us pray:

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. (Numbers 6:24-26).

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