

Do You Have Peace?
Luke 1v78-79; Rom. 5v1

There are different facets to peace

Peace ABOVE us. HAVING PEACE WITH GOD -

Rom. 5v1

This involves peace or reconciliation with God. All 3 persons of the Trinity are involved in bringing us this peace.

God planned it, Luke 1v78-79; 2v14.

Jesus purchased it, Col 1v20 Sinners sometimes exhorted to “make their peace with God” when they cannot do it. Heb 9v22. He had to lay down his life. All obstacles to peace with God have been met by his death. You can now know it.

The Holy Spirit provides it. Rom. 8v16. Lk.2v29.

Peace WITHIN us. HAVING THE PEACE OF GOD -

Not all who have peace with God have peace within! they have a title to it but sometimes fail to enjoy their inheritance.

How the devil seeks to rob us of this inner peace. If he cannot steal your pardon, he will seek to rob you of your peace.

Peace flows from purity of life, Gal 6v14-16; Ps. 32v1-4; Ps. 85v8. To preserve us from lost peace we must lean upon the Lord moment by moment for power and make up our spiritual accounts daily, taking stock of matters between ourselves and God.

Peace flows from being prayerful about everything, Phil 4v6-7. Careful in nothing, thankful in anything, prayerful in everything. Is. 26v3.

Peace flows from positive occupation with the things of God, Phil 4v8-9; Gal 5v16,22.

Peace flows from accepting God’s word.

The assurance of salvation is everywhere plain in the NT scriptures. We can KNOW that we have salvation. We depend on feelings rather than facts or what God has said. “You believe god when He says you are going to hell; why not believe the same god when he says in the same word you are going to heaven?”. In Exodus 12 it was the blood that made them safe, but the word that made them sure. 2Tim 1v12.

Peace AMONG us. HAVING PEACE FROM GOD -

The salutations at the beginning of the epistles have a clear message that this peace like mercy and grace is FROM GOD e.g. 1 Thess1v1, Rom 1v7.

This peace includes all the blessings of God we need for time and eternity. All the gifts of his love which become ours in Christ. But it also involves the ability to be through the grace he gives us to be at peace with others, Mark 9v50. Rom 12v17-21, Eph 4v1-3, James 3v13-18. Do you have the full blessing of His peace?

Peace REMOVED FROM US. HAVING PEACE REMOVED BY GOD -

When we are without Christ. Rev 20v11-15; 14v10-12; 21v1-8.