

## **PEACE, PERFECT PEACE**

- **GOOD MEMORY VERSE, ISAIAH 26:3,4**
- **THE STORY OF PEACE IS THE GREATEST STORY.**
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- I. THE STORY OF PEACE BEGINS WITH MAN'S SIN.**
  - A. OUR SIN SEPARATES US FROM GOD, PUTS US IN CONFLICT WITH GOD, CAUSES A GREAT DISTANCE BETWEEN US AND GOD; IN EFFECT, WE ARE ALIENATED FROM HIM.**
  - B. ISAIAH 59:1-2; ROMANS 5:10; JAMES 4:4; LUKE 15 (FAR COUNTRY).**
  - C. AS ABSALOM WAS BANISHED FROM KING DAVID FOR MURDERING HIS BROTHER (2 SAMUEL 13-14), SO SIN PLACES DISTANCE BETWEEN US AND THE LORD.**
  
- II. THE STORY OF PEACE CONTINUES WITH I PETER 3:11 – “SEEK PEACE AND PURSUE IT.”**
  - A. SEEK PEACE BECAUSE OF AN INTERNAL LONGING, CRAVING FOR GOD. WE ARE MADE RELIGIOUS, IN GOD'S IMAGE, WITH ETERNITY IN OUR HEARTS, GEN.1:27; ECCL.3:11; ACTS 17:27,28.**
  - B. SEEK PEACE BECAUSE OF THE WEIGHT OF GUILT WITHIN ALL OF US. TITUS 1:15. WE HAVE A CONSCIENCE AND SIN DEFILES IT.**
  - C. THEREFORE, WE MUST SEEK GOD'S WILL, MATT.5:6; ACTS 17:11,12. THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT TASK EVER KNOWN, MATT.16:26.**
  
- III. THE BEST PART OF THE STORY IS GOD.**
  - A. GOD IS THE GOD OF PEACE AND HE DESIRES OUR SALVATION, ROM.15:33; I THESS.5:23; PHIL.4:9. HE WANTS US TO HAVE THAT PERFECT PEACE, ISA,26:3,4.**

- B. BY THE WAY, GOD IS ALSO THE GOD OF MERCIES, COMFORT, LOVE, GRACE, ETC., 2 COR.1:5; 2 COR.13:11; I PETER 5:10.**
- C. BY THE WAY, JESUS IS THE PRINCE OF PEACE, ISA.9:6,7; LUKE 2:10-14.**
- D. BY THE WAY, JESUS BEING ABLE TO CALM THE STORM PROVES HE IS ABLE TO BRING CALMNESS TO OUR SOULS, MATT.8. WE SEE THIS BY REASONING FROM THE PHYSICAL TO THE SPIRITUAL, MARK 2:1-10.**

**IV. THE GOD OF PEACE MAKES PEACE POSSIBLE BY PROVIDING THREE THINGS.**

- A. GOD PROVIDES THE PRICE FOR PEACE, THE BLOOD OF THE CROSS, COL.1:20; EPH.2:13-14; ROM.5:10; 2 COR.5:21. WITHOUT HIM, WE COULD DO NOTHING, JOHN 15:5.**
- B. GOD PROVIDES THE GOSPEL OF PEACE, EPH.6:15; 2 COR.5:19. THE GOSPEL REVEALS TO US ALL THIS VITAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF PEACE. WHAT A GIFT!**
- C. GOD PROVIDES THE REALM OR SPACE OF PEACE, THAT IS, THE “IN CHRIST” AREA, P HIL.4:7. ONE ENTERS THIS RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST THROUGH OBEYING AND SURRENDING TO THE GOSPEL, GAL.3:26,27; ROM.5:1-2; ROM.6:3-4.**

**V. SUBMITTING TO GOD BRINGS INNER PEACE.**

- A. WHAT A TREASURE THIS INNER PEACE IS!**
- B. THE WORLD CANNOT GIVE THIS PEACE, ONLY JESUS, JOHN 14:27. THE WORLD SEEKS PEACE THROUGH POSSESSIONS, POWER, PLEASURE, OR THE PERCEPTIONS OF MEN. ALL THESE EFFORTS FAIL.**
- C. THE WORLD CANNOT UNDERSTAND PEACE, PHIL.4:7. IF ONE IS ENTANGLED IN POSSESSIONS, POWER, PLEASURE, OR THE**

**WISDOM OF MEN, SEEKING PEACE SEEMS FOOLISH, I  
COR.1:18-24.**

**D. THE WORLD CANNOT TAKE THIS PEACE AWAY FROM US.  
TAKING AWAY STEPHEN'S LIFE (ACTS 7) OR PAUL'S FREEDOM  
(PHIL.1:3-7), OR JOB'S HEALTH & FAMILY, DIDN'T TAKE AWAY  
THEIR PEACE WITH GOD.**

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