

Bible Study: The Character of God

XV. The God of Peace

Passages to read: Isaiah 2:4, 9:6, 26:3; Mark 9:50; John 14:33; Acts 10:36; Romans 5:1, 12:18, 15:13,33, 16:20; I Corinthians 14:33; Ephesians 2:13-17; Philippians 4:6-9; I Thessalonians 5:13-23; Hebrews 13:20

Related passages for personal study:

- * Luke 1:79, 2:14; John 14:27, 33; Romans 3:12-18, 10:15, 14:17; 2 Corinthians 13:11; Galatians 5:22; Ephesians 4:3; Colossians 1:20; I Timothy 2:2; Hebrews 12:14; I Peter 3:11

Description of peace:

- * “The harmonized relationships between God and man, accomplished through the gospel; the sense of rest and contentment consequent thereon” ¹
- * Security, quietness, rest, freedom from disturbance

Aspects To Consider:

- * The God of Peace (Romans 15:33)
 - o Peace with God received through salvation – *reconciliation* (Rom. 5:1; Eph. 2:13-17)
- * The Peace of God (daily experience, Philippians 4:7)
- * The Prince of Peace – *harmony in the world in a coming day* (Isaiah 2:4, 9:6)

How should the peace of God affect me?

- * The peace of God should affect our:
 - o Relations between Christians– (Mark 9:50; I Thes. 5:13-5:23)
 - o Relations with the lost- (Romans 12:18)
 - o Reactions in life’s circumstances (Isaiah 26:3; John 14:27; Romans 15:13, 16:20; Philippians 4:6-9; Hebrews 13:20)
 - o Assembly gatherings (1 Corinthians 14:33)
- * We should tell the unsaved how they can have peace with God (Acts 10:36)
- * Our peace should be a testimony to others

Questions for Discussion:

- * What is peace WITH God dependent upon?
- * What is the experience of the peace OF God dependant on in the Christian life?
- * What are hindrances to the enjoyment of the peace of God in my life?

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