

Peace With God
Outline – September 3, 2023
John 14:1-3, 23-27; Romans 5:1-8
The Past 24 Years Have Created A Culture Of Anxiety

- I. **What we have experienced in the 21st century (thus far)**
 - A. Terrorism, recessions, natural disasters
 - B. Riots, cultural change, pandemics
 - C. Wars, suicide increase, Godlessness
- II. **Peace seems like an impossible reality**
 - A. The age of anxiety
 - B. The age of apathy
 - C. The age of atheism
 - D. The age of confusion
 - E. The age of conflict
 - F. The absence of peace
- III. **Peace is something we all desire**
 - A. Without it, life feels dangerous
 1. A mansion feels like a jail
 2. A marriage feels like a sentence
 - B. We were wired for peace
- IV. **What peace is not**
 - A. It's not just the absence of strife
 - B. It's not just the absence of tension
 - C. It's not just the absence of conflict
 - D. Challenges will always be a reality
 1. Giants will always need to be defeated
 2. Mountains will need moving
 3. Storms will need calming
 4. Lion's mouths will need to be closed
- V. **So what is peace?**
 - A. Found when God is in the...
 1. Battle
 2. Situation
 3. Circumstance
 4. Decision
 5. Recovery
 - B. Peace is knowing where you are headed
 1. God's plan, purpose
 2. God's hope, God's heaven
 - C. Peace is knowing who you follow
 1. Jesus said follow me
 2. Believe in me

- D. Peace is knowing God has this
- E. Peace is knowing who you belong to
- F. Peace is knowing where home is
- G. Peace is knowing you are loved

VI. What did Jesus (The Prince of Peace) say about peace?

- A. (In a most stressful time) let not your heart be troubled or be afraid
- B. Everything is about to change
- C. Nothing is going to go as expected
- D. The promises Jesus gives that offers peace
 - 1. Promises heaven
 - 2. Promises to come for us
 - 3. Promises peace
 - 4. Promises truth

VII. The 10 principles of peace

- A. Peace is a gift given by Jesus
 - 1. "My peace, I give to you"
- B. Peace is both inward and outward
- C. Peace contains certain elements
 - 1. Grace
 - 2. Forgiveness
- D. Peace is connected to trust and believing
- E. Peace is learning how to resist the demonic
- F. We are wired for peace
 - 1. Sin interferes with that peace
- G. Peace is tied to our walk with Messiah
- H. Peace requires responsibility
 - 1. Must receive the gift
 - 2. Must apply the gift
 - 3. Have peace with God
 - 4. Have peace with others
 - 5. Take captive every thought
 - 6. Abide in Jesus Messiah
- I. Peace is serving and blessing others
- J. Peace is knowing, thanking, thinking, loving

**Peace Can Be Yours
Messiah Offers It**

**Will You Receive It?
Will You Apply It?**

**You Can Have A Peace
That Passes All Understanding**