

## **John 14:27**

### ***“God’s Peace”***

#### **I. V.27 – why did they need God’s peace? V.1 – troubled hearts**

##### **A. Reasons not to be troubled:**

- 1) Jesus’ identity, His Father’s house, His promised return & destination; answered prayer in His name; His comfort = His Spirit; His victory = His resurrection; His peace.

##### **B. God gives us His peace:**

- 1) In our failures (13:36-38); in our troubles/doubts: (14:1-6); in our ignorance/immaturity (14:7-11); in our prayer life (14:12-14); in our present loneliness (14:15-18); in our future (14:19-31).

#### **II. 14:27 – God’s peace**

##### **A. God’s peace given freely to us all: “Peace I leave with you...”**

##### **B. God’s peace a personal gift: “My peace I give to you” – Rom. 5:12-21.**

- 1) Leave = to send out; leave behind

- 2) Give = to bestow (to present as a gift; to offer)

*a) The world sees peace as something you work for; God gives it freely.*

*b) God offers His peace as a gift, but are we accessing it or receiving it? – Deut. 30:19; Ps. 34:14; Rom. 14:19; Heb. 12:14.*

*c) Many are consumed with everything but peace b/c they’re pursuing/receiving everything else the world has to offer; i.e. everything but peace – **Rom. 8:5-6; Luke 12:29; 2 Tim. 1:7.***

##### **C. God’s peace is unique to Him – Is. 9:6; Luke 2:14; Phil. 4:6-7.**

- 1) **Salvation:** Only the peace of God can bring peace b/w sinful man and Himself – Is. 32:17; 53:5; (Is. 48:22 > Heb. 6:20-7:2). **There is no peace without righteousness, so God has given us His peace through His righteousness – 2 Cor. 5:21; Zech. 6:13; Rom. 5:1; Col. 1:20.**
- 2) **Hope:** Passes all understanding (Is. 55:6-9); peace during difficulty/raging storms; peace in the face of adversity; peace in the midst of battle, which is completely unlike **the world's peace**...

### III. **The world's peace vs. God's peace**

- A. *The world's peace is external, based on our circumstances (constantly changing); God's peace is internal, in spite of our circumstances (never wavering- Heb. 6:19; 13:8).*
- B. *The world's peace is the absence of troubles/conflict; God's peace is present in the midst of troubles/conflict – Josh. 1:9.*
- C. *The world's peace is shortsighted, focusing on immediate gratification; God's peace is eternal, focusing on what we need more than what we desire – Matt. 6:19-34.*
- D. *The world's peace is temporal; God's peace is eternal (Ezekiel. 37:26-27)...but it's also conditional; it's contingent upon our desires: You have peace if :*
  - 1) You have the right job; the house you desire; you're financially secure; your family is healthy; the person you voted for is in office – the P.O.T.U.S not our king or our Savior!
  - 2) *But God's peace is entirely different; His peace:*
    - a) Gives strength to be used in a difficult work place; gives contentment with the possessions you have; gives confidence in His provision; provides trust in Him in the midst of chaos.

### IV. **How do we obtain God's peace?**

A. **V.26** – By *learning* from God & *remembering* what we've been taught.

1) V.27b – Repeats the beginning message from v. 1 = we're forgetful.

a) Remember who God is; His promised return; answered prayer in His name; His comfort; His victory!

B. **Focusing on Christ & His return.**

1) **Col. 3:2** – “*Set your mind on things above...*”

2) **Is. 26:3-4** – “*You will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed (to lean on or take hold of; fixed upon) on You, because he trusts in You. Trust in the Lord forever, for in YAH, the Lord, is everlasting strength.*”

3) **Phil. 4:6** – “*...and the peace of God which surpasses all understanding will **guard (hem in or protect w/a garrison)** your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*”

a) **Rather than worry, God tells us to pray, resulting in the peace of God protecting our hearts & minds like a military troop.**