



Sermon Title: "Peace from the Prince of Peace"

Scripture: John 14:25-31

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INTRODUCTION

I. THE VICTORIOUS, PEACE-GIVING CHRIST

Question 1: Why should we trust the Bible? Why should we trust what the New Testament writers (the Apostles) wrote and recorded in the New Testament?

2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:21 -

Note: From what Jesus says here, the disciples should have expected that they would teach, write, and record what Jesus had done and said.

Luke 24:49 - "And behold, I am sending the promise of My Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

Question 2: What is the peace that Jesus gives and how is it different from the world's peace?

- 1) There are lots of things that we purchase and use to try and get "peace of mind".
- 2) Whatever this peace is that Jesus is offering, it is something that the world cannot give.
- 3) The peace that Jesus provides is a gift, something He Himself would earn and purchase for us.

Romans 5:1 - "Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Note: Justification and peace with God are inseparably linked together!

Note: Justification is a declaration made by God and it is not contingent upon your feelings or your performance but upon the perfect, finished work of Jesus.

Romans 8:33 - "Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies."

4) Without Jesus, you are not at peace with God, but are at war with Him.

Ephesians 2:3; Romans 5:10; Colossians 1:19-20 -

5) The peace of Christ does not guarantee that we will always experience peaceful circumstances.

John 16:33 - "I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

6) We must allow the objective reality of our peace with God to control and direct our thinking, emotions, attitude, and daily experience. It won't happen automatically.

Colossians 3:15-16 -

Question 3: Why should the disciples rejoice that Jesus is leaving and going to the Father?

1 Corinthians 13:5; John 17:5; Philippians 2:5-11 -

Question 4: Why does Jesus emphasize that He's telling His disciples all these things in advance?

Question 5: Why doesn't the "ruler" of this world have any "claim" on Jesus? What does that mean, and who is Jesus referring to?

Question 6: Why is Jesus' obedience a testimony to the world of His love for the Father?

Take Home Questions for Further Study & Reflection & Application...

1. What does Jesus say that the Holy Spirit will do? How should this impact our view of Scripture?
2. What are some things that people do to try and achieve or maintain peace? What is the peace that Jesus offers and gives? How is this different than the peace that the world gives?
3. If Jesus gives peace, why do so many Christians seem to lack peace?
4. Why is it such a good thing that Jesus would leave earth and ascend back into Heaven?
5. Are there difficult situations, circumstances, and/or people in your life? How can you allow the peace of Christ to rule in your heart despite these difficulties?