

Sunday, April 19, 2009

Hanging on to Peace

John 14:27

(p. 764 in chair Bible)

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

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How do you define peace? Technically speaking, some would describe peace as a freedom of the mind from annoyance, distraction, or anxiety; a state of tranquility or serenity.

Jesus offered a peace, though, that encompasses so much more and lasts so much longer! He provides a peace from God that surpasses all human understanding!

One cannot have the peace of God, though, without first having peace with God.

“Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ”

(Romans 5:1, p. 798 in chair Bible).



We fail to experience the peace of Christ when we ...

- . Constantly worry.**
- . Fail to pray about everything.**

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:6-7, p. 832 in chair Bible)

“Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.” (2 Timothy 2:22, p. 843 in chair Bible)

Are you ready to give up your worries and start hanging on to the peaceful words of Christ?