



THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT (Part 4)

Perfect Peace

*«You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You»
Isaiah 26:3*

The word peace is commonly defined as a state of tranquility, security, freedom from stress and disturbances. For Christian, peace is obtained through intimate relationship with God. It produces inner peace and peace with others (Hebrew 12:14, 18; Mathew 5:9).

Among the disciples of Christ, the apostle Peter after his conversion attained a kind of steady serenity of spirit. In every circumstance, including prison and impending death, he fully trusted in Jesus Christ, his Savior and Almighty Friend. Likewise, we have the same promise that we can rely on Jesus in difficult time. Resting in this truth will keep us peaceful in the storms of life. So, let's look further at what Christians need to do to develop this peace that transcend circumstances. We are to:

1. **Appropriate and pursue peace.** Peace is God's gift to those who belong to Him (John 14:27), but we must receive it and make it our own. Receiving God's peace in the Bible is receiving Jesus Himself (Isaiah 9:6), getting close by spending time with Him (James 4:8).
2. **Fully trust in God's promises of peace.** We are to know who our God is and trust Him completely, and we will experience more and more peace (2Peter 1:2). If we trust Him enough, it will be easy for us to cast our cares on Him, knowing that He is in control of our life and circumstances.
3. **Look forward the Divine reward to the redeem.** Anticipating the best brings peace. Can we confidently say I have Jesus, the Prince of Peace? I will see His face one day and I will be satisfied (Job 19:25-27; Psalm 17:15)? There is nothing in this world that I desire, but to the author of everlasting peace.

God calmed the storm, God delivered Peter from prison, and Daniel from the den of lions. God does not stop the storm to come into our life, because He uses them to develop steadfast peace in us.

As we journey to see His face, may the LORD blesses you with His peace that passes all understanding, while we await patiently to receive the reward of His everlasting peace (Psalm 29:11)!