

# Peace

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*Jesus Christ offers us His peace, a gift of God's love that passes all understanding and brings righteousness, peace, and joy to our hearts.*

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**Scripture:** Matthew 6:33, Romans 5:1, Galatians 2:16, Philippians 4:6-8, 1 John 1:7

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## Description

In this sermon, the preacher emphasizes the importance of not being anxious and instead finding peace in God. He references Philippians 4:6-7, which instructs believers to not be anxious about anything but to pray and present their requests to God. The preacher encourages the congregation to focus their thoughts on things that are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and of good report. He emphasizes that when believers allow God's peace to overcome their trials and anxieties, they experience the reign of Jesus in their souls. The sermon concludes with a call to obey this recipe for peace and promises that those who do will be pleasantly surprised by the results.

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## Transcript

Jesus Christ says, my peace I give unto you. Not like the world. Now this is not pop bottle glass.

This is the real thing. I used to manufacture engagement rings. In fact, I had a monopoly for quite a while.

Boss would come to me and says, you can make all you want. There was such a demand for rings after the First World War. And I had a good time making them, of course, and never got any for myself.

It was always for strangers. But Jyotarrabhai Balajaga, Jesus is so near tonight. He's here.

He's looking upon us. He's looking into our hearts. He wants you to have the real thing.

We cannot please him with imitations. We must have, and anyone that has received this gift of God's love knows how real it is, knows that it doesn't come. I don't give like the world, he says.

I don't give you pop bottle glass. I give you the real thing. My peace.

And it ought to interest us tonight, because we see so much of the other in the world today. Oh, how many homes are torn asunder by strife. When I was in Germany in 1937, Asim, what was his name? The boy

that had been here, took me up the hill.

They had the station of the cross on the hill. It was a Roman Catholic town. And they had the stations of the cross from the bottom up to the top of the top.

There was a shrine. And he told me that the people used to make that pilgrimage until one day, a fat woman rolled down the hill and then they had to stop it. It's too dangerous, too steep.

But we went up there. And when we were up there, we went into this little chapel full of idols, looking over the town. And George said to me, there isn't a single house in this town, Roman Catholic, though they are, where there's peace.

Not one. In every house, there is fighting and striving and hatred and jealousy. And isn't that often the case in the world and often the case even with Christian people.

But you know this peace of God's love is Christ himself. It's the reign of the Prince of Peace. And the Bible says that the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost.

And he that herein serveth God is precious in the sight of God and accepted of men. And whoever thought of serving God by having peace. But Jesus says, when you go into a house to preach the gospel, if children of peace are there, your peace will come upon them.

Is that what you do when you visit somebody? Does your peace flow from you like a Do you bring peace into homes where there is strife? Beloved Jesus Christ is a very real and wonderful King. And when he takes up his reign, he banishes all his enemies and he wants to reign. And this is a wonderful, wonderful gift of God.

Righteousness in the first place and then peace that passeth all understanding. That's God. It means that Christ has come to dwell in your heart and to reign within you.

And of course, there are the different stages. First of all, peace with God. Being justified by faith.

Justified from all things from which you couldn't be justified by the law of Moses. Why was it that we couldn't be justified by the law of Moses? Because the law of Moses couldn't cleanse us from our sin. Couldn't break the chains of sin.

Couldn't deliver us from the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life. Couldn't purify us within. But Jesus Christ, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ is exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

And here we're justified. Oh, thank God. Thank God.

And now we have peace with God. And we see our Father which art in heaven. And we walk in the light as he is in the light.

Walk in fellowship with God the Father and God the Son. These things are so real. I can't see how anybody can be satisfied without it.

I don't see how anyone can rest until he has peace with God. That's the way we were taught when we were children. Of course, in those days, we didn't know the peace of God.

Only we knew, And we were asked to pray for peace. That's the way people were asked to get saved. We asked for peace with God.

And when a person got saved, they said, We have found peace. Oh, it showed on your face and it showed in your actions, showed in your feelings. Everything was different.

Instead of God being a God of war, instead of a God that was insulted by my sin. Now a God who was reconciled, had reconciled me unto himself. Now we have peace with God.

How gracious is this gift of God's love. And if you haven't got it, you can have it tonight. Unload.

Praise the Lord. And that peace with God leads you to peace, the peace of God. Praise the Lord.

I've asked a number of times and I'll ask again. What does Philippians 4.1 say? Don't open the Bible. No, it's Philippians 4.6. Excuse me.

I was off the track. A wonderful, wonderful recipe. What's the matter? Come on you scribes.

Yes. In nothing be anxious. Oh, but in everything.

Now let me see how much anxiety is represented in this meeting. In nothing be anxious. You can't allow those thorns and thistles to keep growing in your heart.

Your heart belongs to Jesus Christ, your heavenly bright group. He plants his lilies and his roses and his beautiful flowers and the tree of life in your heart. And he says, in nothing be anxious, but in everything.

Now that's a wonderful paradox. In nothing be anxious, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving. Whoever thought of that? In everything, whatever your trials are, thank God for them because he's got a remedy for it.

Praise the Lord. You're being tested and tried because Jesus Christ sees that you've got only pop bottle glass and he wants to give you real diamonds. That's what's the matter.

That's why he says, we glory in tribulations also. Knowing that tribulation workers patience. It takes the broom and it sweeps out all this subterfuge and all these imitations and makes room for the real thing.

In nothing be anxious, but in everything. That'll keep me busy for the rest of my life. By prayer and supplication make your requests known unto God.

Oh we say, I need thee every hour. No, I need thee every moment. Moment by moment I'm kept in his love.

Moment by moment I need to draw the light of his countenance into my soul and he gives it to me. And that's why he does not want me to be anxious about anything. Flee you mourning spirits.

Get out of here. You don't belong into my heart. Oh, it is a wonderful gift of God's love.

Beloved, it's a diamond of the first water. It is a pure stone of engagement. Jesus Christ offering himself the prince of peace.

Oh Jesus, I do love you. I love you because that makes you real. Everything else is an imitation, but oh when your peace that passes all understanding, overcomes all my trials and all my anxiety and all my fears and all my doubts.

And it really does. Then I know that you've come in. I know you Jesus and the power of your resurrection and you've begun your reign in my soul.

And oh what a reign this is. How wonderful. How different from what we used to think it was.

It's peace. The gift of God's love. Now God can help everybody in this meeting to react.

Take this recipe and obey. Then you'll be surprised what will happen. You will be surprised.

If you don't, you'll never find out. Oh the peace of God that passes all understanding. It really does because it's heavenly peace.

It's Jesus Christ himself. My peace I give unto you. Not like the world.

And of course you know the third degree. Philippians 4 7. You know what it says, don't you? I see it on the wall in some homes. It's good to have it over, have it over the place where you wash your dishes or dry them.

Finally brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, if there be any praise, think on these things. Those things which you have both learned and seen and heard and in me do. And the God of peace shall be with you.

There's no greater promise in all the Bible than this, that the God of peace will come and make his abode within my heart. Why don't we? Well we do, don't we? Of course we do. Why of course? That's what we think about.

Why certainly wouldn't we? Wouldn't dare admit any thought that is not true or honest or just or pure or lovely or of good report. What have you been reading? What kind of a book are you devouring at the present time? Is it true? Is it honest? Is it just? Is it pure? Is it lovely? Is it of good report? If not, then in the ekebesen, besen, zeiskebesen, put it in the fire. Oh the God of, my God, my God, my God, how very strangely wonderful that you requisition my heart for a habitation where you can live and where you can be enthroned and where you can reign and from which you can pour forth your peace.

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