

The Lord's Day Morning

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**“Spiritual Peace”
Colossians 1:15-23**

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Scripture Lesson: Colossians 1:15-23

Text: John 14:27

(Refer to “Faith that Satisfies” – Anderson, page 208)

Introduction:

1. Last Sunday morning I spoke on spiritual power.
 - a. Tried to show some things it was not.
 - b. Tried to show what it would do.
 - c. Tried to tell you how to get it in our own lives.

2. This morning I want to talk to you about peace.
 - a. There are various meanings to peace.
 1. Peace among nations
 2. Peace between factitious labor management
 3. Peace between individuals
 - b. But I want to talk about spiritual peace.
 1. I read the other day, “Peace is a state of tranquility of a people in which there is no danger from without nor disturbance within.”
 2. Webster’s definition: “A mental or spiritual state in which there is freedom from that which is disquieting or perturbing, as tears, agitation or passions, moral conduct.”
 3. We recognize it in some people. They have a quietness and calmness in facing life which is more than natural for man to have.

3. Webster says, “A state in which there is freedom from that which is disquieting or perturbing, as tears, agitation of passions, moral conduct.

4. Where can we find this freedom from these things?
 - a. Not because of circumstances.
 1. They do not produce freedom from fear. There are no circumstances in which one lives that relieves one of this. May have no fear of want of food or clothing, but still have fear of death or some one of the thousands of other things we have to fear.
 2. Cannot be free from agitation of passions because of circumstances.
 - a. We may live in ever so calm and peaceful conditions, but still have our feelings hurt and become agitated.

- b. May have very nearly perfect circumstances and still have disappointments and become melancholy.
 - c. Circumstances never have been able to keep sorrow away.
 - 3. Nor do circumstances keep one from moral conduct which is wrong. It may help, but will not do it. A young person may have a lovely place to live among Christian people and have Christian friends and still live a moral life which will rob them of all peace. Nor will conditions produce this tranquility.
 - b. Fear and disappointment can come. Bill Pullen talking to Mr. Gaddis about a trip into Delta about banking. Bill said you could never tell what an investment in that area would turn to be, that it would seem that you were courting a beautiful woman with lovely hair, beautiful face, and fair skin and you would awaken to find you had in your arms an old hag with matted dirty hair, with wrinkled skin and rugged face.
 - c. You cannot expect to find peace because of conditions. Nor can you find peace because of your nature or disposition.
 - 1. We all have disquieting things come to us
 - 2. Our failures
 - 3. Our divided interests
 - 4. Cross purposes in our hearts

5. Where then can we go to find this tranquility where we can be free from that which is disquieting as fear and etc?

- a. Let us look at the Bible this morning and see what it has to say to us about how to have this peace.

I. Romans 5:1 – Have Peace with God

1. Here is first essential

- a. Must be justified by faith

- b. Unless you have this you have no real peace

- 1. You must settle your relationship to God first on this road to peace.

- 2. You will have fear of your eternal destiny.

- a. Sometimes we think only of those who are very young or who are very old are the ones who face death or serious illness are ever concerned about this most vital question, but I do not believe that is so.

- b. There are thousands of things which bring this to one's attention.

- 1. Suicide accounts

- 2. Passing funeral cortege (procession)

- 3. Sudden death of friend. Many run to a doctor and although few may run to the preacher. I am sure there are many who spend wakeful nights wondering about where their soul is going to abide.

- c. There can be no peace until this important matter is settled.

- 3. You cannot really come to God in prayer, real prayer, until this matter is settled.

- a. One who has no peace with God can't really pray about others or

for themselves.

1. Rube Boyette coming to see me could not make proper contact with God. I talked to him about Christ. He did not believe. I asked him to read the Bible and ask God to show him if he should not believe in Christ. It settled that matter and he can now pray.
4. Christ has made it possible for this sin question to be settled.
 - a. Come to Christ now
 - b. He paid penalty upon cross.
 1. He will break down barrier of sin and bring you to God.
 2. Colossians 1:19-20
5. Come now and settle this question.

II. Philippians 4:5-7 – Commit all to God

1. There can be no peace until you are willing to trust it all to God.
 - a. He is willing; He is able to help.
 - b. At one time I felt church was facing a serious situation. It was very much on my heart. I committed the matter to God and I believe He led me to go to two men whose judgments are good and whose motives none would question and I committed it first to God and then to them under God's leadership and had peace.
 - c. You will never have any peace until you commit all to God.
 1. Just say to Him, "Lord, I commit all I am, all I have, all I ever expect to have, to You here and now."
 2. Your health
 - a. Page 218, "Faith that Satisfies," Bill Anderson. Young lady who did not want to die, committed it all to God.
 - b. Mrs. Gregg not going to be operated upon until after I prayed, committed it to God.
 3. Your child or children
 - a. Bill and fear of his daughter. Seeing killed how he committed her to God.
 4. Your business
 - a. Man Bill tells about, page 216, "Faith that Satisfies."
 - b. Man in west Texas who committed ranch, cattle, and all to God, then prayed (page 201).
 5. You may not have all you want, you may not accomplish all you desire, but you will have peace.
 - a. Isaiah 26:3
 - b. Come this morning and commit all to Him.

III. Isaiah 48:18 – Harken to His Commandments

1. Cannot go own way regardless of God and have peace
 - a. You do not trust Him
 - b. Will break your fellowship with Him
 - c. You cannot have spiritual peace and live life of disobedience of God
2. God can give you peace under all circumstances except a life of disobedience.

a. If you had peace and do not now, is because you have been living in disobedience.

1. Come now and confess it and God will forgive you and your peace shall be returned unto you.

3. Come now to follow Him.

a. Do what He wants regardless.