



Seeking Peace with Myself

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Peace comes from “who” not from the “what” of my circumstances

John 14:27

²¹ “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.”

The peace the world gives - The peace Jesus gives

The peace the world gives takes the form of worry reduction - doing those things that reduce worry

The peace Jesus gives is defined as confidence and trust of God's wise and good control of your life

Jesus does not want our hearts to be troubled and he does not want us to be afraid.

What kind of peace does the world give us?

- Security
- Good health
- Love in our relationships
- Prosperity
- Achievement of goals
- Long life
- Well-being of those we care about

Our world, as we experience it, has never provided enduring peace to anyone

“Jesus promised his disciples three things—that they would be completely fearless, absurdly happy and, in constant trouble.” -G.K.Chesterton

John 16:33

“I have told you these things so that in me you will have peace. In this world you will have trouble but take heart, I have overcome the world.”

What does Jesus Promise?

- Trouble
- Suffering
- Conflict
- Obstacles and roadblocks
- Fill in the blank with your own stuff

You can expect

- Jesus to be with you
- The Holy Spirit to comfort you and give you strength
- Assurance that your eternity is secure
- Fellowship and support from your church family
- Love and compassion from your church family

Philippians 4:7

“And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4:4-6

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again, Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”

We embrace that the giver of peace, Jesus, is near

Matthew 28:20

And surely I am with you always...

Peace comes from immersion leading to saturation

Philippians 4:8

"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy--think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me, put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you."