

HOW CAN ONE EXPERIENCE GOD'S PEACE?

John 14:27

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Promise # 3

I. INTRODUCTION:

A. Do you long for peace? Do you find yourself regularly struggling for peace? You go from one hobby to another, one job to another, one relationship to another, one home to another, one church to another, one philosophy to another? Has money, power, and popularity given you what you were longing for? Are you still searching and searching for that peace? Do you find yourself in deep angst, looking but never finding a remedy to end the chaos and discontentment around you and the hunger, disconnection, or the emptiness within? Are you at your end? Have you given up?

B. Consider the words by Jesus Christ from John 14:27:

“Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”

II. EXPOSITION:

A. Historical Context: Upper Room Discourse beginning with chapter 13.

B. What are the sources of confusion, anxiety, and tension?

1. John 13:1-7: When Jesus washes the disciples' feet. Peter can't understand why.
2. John 13:18-30: A betrayer among their close knit group is identified: Judas Iscariot.
3. John 13:31-35: Jesus announces He is departing them.
4. John 13:36-38: Christ foretells Peter's denial of Him.
5. Comforting but perhaps confusing words from Jesus in John 14:1-4.
6. John 14:5-7: Question from Thomas.
7. John 14:8-21: Declaration by Philip.
8. John 14:22-24: Question from Judas (not Iscariot).
9. John 14:25-26: The Holy Spirit: Helper & Teacher.

- C. What does “peace” actually mean?
- D. Notice the contrast between been “peace from world” and “peace from Jesus.”

III. HOW SHOULD WE THEN LIVE?

- A. How is this promise applicable to us if historically given to the apostles?
- B. One of the greatest examples of trusting God is found in Luke 22:39-44:
- C. How did Jesus deal with this anxiety?
 - 1. He withdrew Himself to prayer
 - 2. He asked God to take this burden from Him.
 - 3. Committed Himself to following the Father’s Will in prayer
 - 4. Angel ministered to Him.
 - 5. He prayed more earnestly.
 - 6. He was deep in agony
 - 7. He rose up from prayer
 - 8. He committed to living out the Father’s Will in obedience.
- D. Job’s words are telling: *“Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him.”* ~ Job. 13:15.

IV. ADDITIONAL NOTES:
