PEACE LIKE A RIVER
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I. WHAT IS PEACE?


B. So what is this peace Paul says we need from the Holy Spirit?

1. The Greek word used here “eireine” and means ...

   Peace between individuals
   Harmony with others
   One accord with others

2. This peace is more than the absence of conflict or war.

II. WHERE DOES PEACE COME FROM?

A. Peace isn’t something we can acquire on our own.

B. The peace available from the Holy Spirit only comes from God, because it’s part of His nature.

   1. The Bible says God is peace—I Cor. 4:33.

   2. One name used for God in the Old Testament is “Jehovah-Shalom” which means “The God of Peace”.

   3. So simply defined, peace is “The Presence of God”.

C. The peace of God, however, can only be received through His Son—Col. 1:19-20.

D. The following slogan is right when it says....

   “If you know Jesus, you know peace. If there is no Jesus, then there is no peace.”—Eph. 2:14a.
III. WHAT ARE THE RESULTS OF PEACE FROM GOD?

A. One result is having peace with God—Romans 5:1.

B. Another result is having peace with others—Eph. 2:14.

C. Still another result is having peace with ourselves—Phil. 4:6-7.

IV. WHAT DO WE HAVE TO DO TO KEEP OR MAINTAIN THE PEACE OF GOD?

A. First, we have to consciously pursue or seek the peace of God—2 Tim. 2:22.

B. Second, we must allow peace to control us—Col. 3:15.

C. Third, we must put forth effort to live peacefully with others—Romans 12:18.