

PEACE LIKE A RIVER
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I. WHAT IS PEACE?

- A. It's not just world peace--Matt. 24:6.
- 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.