

The Peace of Knowing the Riches of God's Glory

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PEACE – how does Christ's work bring us peace?

Rom 5:1; Eph 1:4; Rom 10:4 > Romans 9:23

Vessels of Mercy - once dead (Eph 2:1), in darkness (Eph 5:8). God mercifully called us (Rom 9:16) to be vessels of mercy (9:23).

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Prepared Beforehand for His Glory - vessels prepared beforehand, not just a reaction but God's plan! Rom 9:21 Some clay for dishonorable some for honorable use. All by God's mercy, not our merit!

If you know God, you were created by God for a wonderful & glorious purpose: to make known the riches of His glory!

Those who don't glorify God/thank God given over: Rom 1:18-24ff

Apply: Do You Live for This?

- Impossible for me - maybe you think sins too great - not for God: Mk 10:26-27 "with God all things are possible!"
- I want to be glory, not just see glory - God doesn't share His glory Isa 42:8. Seeking own glory will lead to disappointment.
- I want to accomplish greatness, not behold Greatness - God is greatest glory – we can only reflect His glory. 2 Cor 2:18; Ps 51:15; 79:13. Know joy & peace as you are an image bearer of our Glorious God.
- I've never tasted the Glory of God - Ps 19:1, Rm 1:20. John Piper - "So if you say, 'I've never tasted the glory of God, I would tell you that you have tasted many of its appetizers.' Have you: ever looked into the heavens? Been hugged? Seen beauty? Warmed by a fire? Tasted sexual desire? Drunk a cool drink on a hot day? **"Every desire is either a devout or a distorted enticement to the glory of heaven"** - Piper
- Each of us has experienced a foretaste of God's glory everywhere, we must tune our hearts to God's provision: Jesus Christ John 1:14
- Glorify God as He intended & prayed – John 17:20-22

Knowing the Riches of His Glory

We can only find peace as we invest in God's kingdom & His glory:

Unimaginable – 1 Cor 2:7-9; Future – Eph 2:7; Remember Peace – Rom 5:1-2

- God chose you to make known the riches of His glory - Rom 9:23
- God will strengthen & sustain you - Eph 3:16
- God will provide your needs – Phil 4:19
- Know peace & joy as we make known riches of glory - Col 1:27

Discuss: how do we often fall back to the 'Do we live for this' questions?
How do these truths bring us peace?

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