

Jn. 14:22-31, “Peace with God, Peace of God, Peace with One Another”

Last Sunday: The Holy Spirit: our Comforter, Counselor, Advocate, and Helper

Today: Peace with God, Peace of God, Peace with One Another.

Outline:

- 14:22-24 Promise of the Father and Son making their home with us
- 14:25-26 Promise of the Holy Spirit reminding us/them what Jesus has said
- 14:27 Promise of the Son’s supernatural peace
- 14:28-31 Christ’s departure should be a time of rejoicing and trusting him.

Is. 48:22, “There is no peace for the wicked.”

S. Lewis Johnson, “That reflects a basic disharmony at the inmost being of man ... In other words, we can never really reach the place where we are happy; totally happy in our rejection of the Lord God. And the fact that we still have that sense of anxiety in our innermost being before we come to know Jesus Christ is an evidence of the fact that God did create us for fellowship with him. And that’s because ... we were created in the image of God, but man fell in the Garden of Eden and the result is that men are born in ignorance of truth. They are born in rebellion against it. And from the time that we are infants we manifest it in various ways.”

Augustine, “Thou hast made us for thyself, and our heart is restless until it rests in Thee.”

14:27a/ “Not as the world gives...” In what ways does the world try to attain peace?

1. Stoicism – Enduring pain without displaying any feelings; indifference
2. Meditation – Focusing one’s mind as a way to relax or for religious purposes
3. Right circumstances – Health, wealth, beauty, power, popularity, etc.

14:27b/ “Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”

Three aspects of the peace that Christ has given us:

1. Peace with God – “Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ” (Rom. 5:1).
2. Peace of God – “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication **with thanksgiving** let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus” (Phil. 4:6-7).
3. Peace with one another – “For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility” (Eph. 2:14).

*Eph. 4:2-3, “With all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to **maintain the unity of the Spirit** in the bond of peace.”

14:28b/ “For the Father is greater than I.” Two orthodox views:

1. The Son is eternally begotten from the Father, and the Father is not begotten (Athanasius).
2. As a man, the Son (born of Mary) is less than the Father (Augustine).