

JESUS' BEQUEST
(John 14:27)

- I. The NATURE of Divine Peace (John 14:27a)
 - A. Objective peace: peace WITH God
 - 1. Every human HATES God and willfully DEFIES Him (Rom. 3:10-18, 23)
 - 2. Every human will face God's WRATH and is doomed to eternal DAMNATION (Rom. 1:18; 6:23a; 1 Cor. 15:22a)
 - 3. God's holy wrath was SATISFIED by the death of JESUS (Col. 1:19-20)
 - 4. Through faith in Christ, God establishes PEACE between us (Rom. 5:1)
 - B. Subjective peace: peace OF God (Phil. 4:7; cf. Rom. 14:17; 15:13)
 - 1. It ACTIVELY changes how we FEEL about circumstances
 - 2. It provides joyful tranquility DESPITE conflicts
 - 3. It manifests in HARMONY with other believers (Rom. 14:19; 2 Cor. 13:11; Eph. 4:3; 1 Thess. 5:13)
- II. The SOURCE of Divine Peace (John 14:27b)
 - A. From God the FATHER (Col. 1:2)
 - B. From the HOLY SPIRIT (Gal. 5:22)
 - C. From God the SON, Jesus Christ (Rom. 1:7; etc)
 - 1. This is an EFFECTUAL gift every believer is guaranteed

2. The disciples witnessed the CHARACTER of this peace

III. The DISTINCTIVES Divine Peace (John 14:27c)

- A. The world's "peace" is TEMPORARY
- B. The world's "peace" is ARTIFICIAL/IMAGINARY
- C. Only Christ's peace is REAL and PERMANENT

IV. The APPROPRIATION of Divine Peace (John 14:27d)

- A. Through PRAYER and GRATITUDE (Phil. 4:6-7)
- B. Through focusing our attention on what is GODLY (Phil. 4:8)
- C. Through OBEDIENCE to the Lord (Phil. 4:9)
- D. Through the DISCIPLINE of the Lord (Heb. 12:11)
 - 1. "Is my plan consistent with my being a member of God's FAMILY?"
 - 2. "Will my choice enhance peace through a CLEAR CONSCIENCE?"