

Peace is Power

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God's Word (**Peace**)
from His power, **Jesus**
didn't do this!

When Jesus stood up in the boat as the winds and waves were washing over it, He said, "**Peace, be still!**"

Mr 4:39 Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "**Peace, be still!**" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm.

When sickness invaded a woman's body and the curse was running rampant throughout, Jesus said, "**Peace, be whole.**"

Mr 5:34 And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. **Go in peace**, and be healed of your affliction."

When there is confusion, chaos, conflict, fighting, disorder, we can know this is not God, but sin nature and the enemy; therefore, we can speak to these things in Jesus' name (Mark 11:23, 24).

1Co 14:33 For God is not *the author of confusion but of peace...*

Jesus is called the Prince of Peace. We call our policemen and women **Peace Officers**. They have authority, training, and being armed, they are to enforce the laws and bring peace.

Peace is not passive, weak, incidental...but mighty in God to bring life!

Ro 8:6 For to be carnally minded *is* death, but to be **spiritually minded *is* life and peace**.

Often we have had the mentality that peace was something we experience inside, while the world rages all around us. The idea that our faith in God will bring us peace even when sickness, disease, tragedy, and all of the circumstances of our life are out of control, is all well and good; yet, **this kind of peace is vague, powerless**, and of little benefit to *affect change* for our life here and now. Jesus said He overcame the world, but many interpret that to mean that ultimately we will have peace in the kingdom of heaven.

John 16:33 "These things I have spoken to you, that in **Me you may have peace**. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

Jesus had peace all of His life, an inner peace, **but also a peace that manifested through Him in this world** (John 14:27). They tried to kill him three times at least as recorded in scripture, and He was delivered from all of them—**that's manifested peace**.

They tried to trap him, but His wisdom through the Holy Spirit produced answers that turned it around on those against him—**again manifesting peace from Him** (Luke 11:54). As a man of many sorrows, seeing the people in need, He had **great compassion and moved in peace** to heal the sick, deliver those in bondage, cast out demons, giving sight to the blind, the deaf spoke, and the lame walked.

Ac 10:38 "how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, **who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed** by the devil, for God was with Him.

This is **Powerful Peace** that produces life where death reigned, health where sickness reigned, and freedom where

bondage reigned, delivering those in oppression and is the kind of **peace manifested in heaven** (Luke 4:18). Jesus said in teaching us the *Lord's Prayer*, "*pray that God's will be done on earth as it is in heaven!*" There is peace in heaven because the curse is not there, and God's will is done. When we address the curse in Jesus' name and do the works that Jesus said we'd do (John 14:12), **we bring peace, God's peace to the situation.**

Peace and Authority

When Jesus spoke, He had great peace which manifested as authority as one who knew. **When we know that we know, we have great peace.**

Mt 7:29 for He taught them as **one having authority**, and not as the scribes.

There is no peace without **authority and power**. Chaos and rebellion occur, because of the lack of authority and power. No classroom teacher will be able to teach without control, which comes from power and authority (peace) over his/her students. President Ronald Reagan in dealing with the "Cold War" and communist aggression said, "Peace through strength." Evil does not respect weakness and will not listen to reason, but must be overcome with power. When Jesus was accused of casting out devils by being the king of devils, He responded by saying,

Matt. 12:28 "But if I cast out demons **by the Spirit of God**, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.

29 "Or how can one enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, **unless he first binds the strong man?** And then he will plunder his house."

His argument in bringing peace to someone demon possessed is bind the strong man **by the Spirit of God** and remove

him—bringing in the kingdom of God (the kingdom of peace), through power and strength!

We Separate Peace from Power

Somehow we have separated **peace from power** and that is a grave mistake. **Peace is not separated from love, joy, faith, hope, self control, goodness, kindness, and patience; the fruit of the Spirit** are integrated together, as one. When we separate them, we lose the benefit of power, because although God can do abundantly beyond all we could think or ask, **it is** according to the power that works in us; it is according to our faith and what we believe in our heart.

Eph 3:20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, **according to the power that works in us,**

I shared about the gifts of the Holy Spirit that you can't experience just one, they can't be separated. For example, to operate in prophecy you must have faith, receive wisdom, knowledge, discernment, and the operation itself is a miraculous gift that one is being used by the Spirit.

The fruit of the Spirit are all interwoven, they are so connected you can't experience just one. **Likewise**, to have peace, you must have faith; we must experience wisdom, knowledge of God's word, experience love, joy, hope, patience, goodness, long-suffering, etc.

When we *receive* anything from the Lord **there is peace** to witness it—the Spirit bears witness (Rom. 8:16). **We must understand and embrace that *Peace is Power*** with love, joy, hope, faith, patience, kindness, goodness, self control, they are all part of the whole. **We have separated God's Word from His power, *Jesus didn't do this!*** Consider these verses:

When a paralytic was brought to Jesus, He equated healing with forgiveness, making them integrated, interwoven:

Mt 9:5 "For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'?"

6 "**But that you may know** that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins" —then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house."

7 And he arose and departed to his house.

Then Jesus reasoned with the religious leaders that didn't believe in Him, to believe because of the works:

John 10:38 "but if I do, though you do not believe **Me, believe the works**, that you may know and believe that the Father *is* in Me, and I in Him."

When John the Baptist sent disciples to Jesus asking if He was the one, or do we look for another, Jesus replied:

Lu 7:22 Jesus answered and said to them, "**Go and tell John the things you have seen and heard**: that *the* blind see, *the* lame walk, *the* lepers are cleansed, *the* deaf hear, *the* dead are raised, *the* poor have the gospel preached to them.

In truth, **The Word and the Works of God are One!** **Likewise**, when we experience **Peace** in anyway, the **virtue, or the Power of God** is also with it! **It takes power to produce Peace!**

Whatever the need is God has already answered it in His grace, **and when we receive peace in answer to our prayer, we have all that we need**—including the power to reverse the curse in the earth!

1Jo 3:8 He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. **For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.**

Joh 14:27 "Peace I leave with you, **My peace I give to you**; not as the world gives do I give to you. **Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.**

Why should we let **His peace** rule over trouble? Jesus said that we are not supposed to let our heart be troubled, nor let it be afraid. If we know God, know His Word, know His Spirit, and know His grace is sufficient in all matters, **then by faith we will experience peace**, because we can trust with confidence God's answer.

God is not giving us peace **just to hold us over until we get to heaven**. God is not giving us peace to endure and help us suffer at the power of our enemy, the devil. Remember that the cross defeated our enemy:

Col 2:15 **Having disarmed principalities and powers**, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

Then in turn He told us that He'd given us dominion and power over all the enemy!

Mt 28:18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "**All authority has been given to Me** in heaven **and on earth**."

And,

Lu 10:19 "Behold, **I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy**, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Jesus also redeemed us from the curse:

Ga 3:13 **Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law**, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"),

These verses, and others, should empower us with **His peace**, because we know who our enemy is and we have been given the victory in Christ. **Peace comes within us because we know the Word of God and what God has accomplished in Christ to destroy the works of the devil, including the curse of the law.**

Conclusion:

God wants us to have peace that is unshakeable, unmovable, steady, supernatural, strong, trustworthy, and sure. That we should keep it, manifest it, live completely in and by it, let it rule and reign, and let it guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus!

The peace we receive means power to manifest the provision, protection, healing, deliverance, and life over all our situations. **Peace means virtue through faith has been received! We are to trust it, go by it, stand in it, let it rule, and depend upon it.**

A Recent Testimony:

I was informed that a family in our Church had a fourteen year old daughter who'd found a large tumor in her breast. I called in order to pray with them. They were afraid that this tumor would be life threatening. The doctor informed them that they needed to get pictures of this immediately, and see a specialist. While at the hospital taking a sonogram of her breast, their daughter gasped at seeing how big it was on the screen.

The technician refused to answer any questions about it but after persistence, a trained radiologist informed them that their daughter was the youngest she'd ever seen with this kind of tumor. She said that because their daughter was so young it most likely was not malignant. However, another doctor informed them

that this kind of tumor does lead to cancer, it does not go away, nor does it shrink but usually continues to grow.

They were encouraged to make an appointment, as soon as possible, to seek treatment and have it removed. The specialist's office usually takes weeks, if not months, to get an appointment, but after receiving the referring doctor's report and seeing the sonogram, they made room for her within days.

I called to pray with them, but they wanted to meet in person to discuss and pray over their daughter's situation. When we got together they discussed the details, and what had taken place. Then I proceeded to set before them the scriptures and our basis of authority and faith to bring another report to bear on the situation.

While leading them into prayer I asked them, "What can you believe God for in this situation? What prayer would bring you **peace** knowing you would be heard and knowing that God has answered?" I continued, "I mean, can you believe that she is already healed now, and that we are rebuking this tumor because it should not be in her, and that tomorrow it will be completely gone?" They responded, "We don't think we can believe for that, but we can believe that when the doctor sees her it will not be cancer, and they will be able to remove it."

Then we prayed knowing we were in agreement with each other and felt within, God's peace. As I prayed, I felt led to ask for one thing more, as a sign, that this tumor would diminish.

The next day after their daughter had seen the doctor, I got a phone call. He said, "She is fine. It is not cancer. The doctor actually after examining her turned to us and asked her mother to show him where the tumor was supposed to be. After pointing to its location, he finally found a small bump, but said this was nothing. He told them that they'd keep an eye on it, but there was nothing she needed to do. In other words, the doctor said she didn't even need surgery to remove it—it was too small to worry about."

What struck me about this situation was the connection I made with **peace and prayer**. Before, I'd pray with people along a more prescribed method and approach, but not make peace necessarily what guided me; **but now, I've gotten a new insight to be more accurate in praying and laying hands on the sick, by paying attention to what leads to peace!** As we grow in grace, faith, and healing, there is more to understand and grow up in. God wants us to be mature, skillful, and not childish, in praying for others.

There are many greetings, statements, and promises in scripture using the word **peace listen to some of them:**

Peace be with you!

Peace to you!

2Pe 1:2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord,

Therefore love truth and peace.'

"My covenant was with him, *one* of life and peace,

Let your peace come upon it.

Let your peace return to you.

"Peace, be still!"

Mr 5:34 And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction."

...have peace with one another."

...To guide our feet into the way of peace."

...And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

...Your servant depart in peace, According to Your word;

..."Your faith has saved you. Go in peace."

... 'Peace to this house.'

"And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest on it;

...the things *that make* for your peace

Joh 14:27 “Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you;

...that in Me you may have peace.

...preaching peace through Jesus Christ—He is Lord of all—
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

...but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good,

...And the way of peace they have not known."

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Ro 8:6 For to be carnally minded *is* death, but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace.

"How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!"

...for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Therefore let us pursue the things *which make* for peace and the things by which one may edify another.

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Now the God of peace *be* with you all. Amen.

And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you. Amen.

...But God has called us to peace.

For God is not *the author* of confusion but of peace,

2Co Become complete. Be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy *be* upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

For He Himself is our peace

And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near.

...endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

...and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

Peace to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Php 4:7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

...the God of peace will be with you.

...having made peace through the blood of His cross.

Col 3:15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.

...Be at peace among yourselves.

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always in every way. The Lord *be* with you all.

To Timothy, a true son in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.

Peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

King of Salem, meaning "king of peace,"

Pursue peace with all *people*, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:

Now may the God of peace...

Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

Let him seek peace and pursue it.

Heb 4:11 Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience.

Be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless;

Mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.

Peace comes because of faith in the Word of God; it comes by the presence of God; **it is a gift to us** from God; **Peace is a person**...it takes power to produce peace!

Peace from:

- 1) Fear
- 2) Worry
- 3) Violence
- 4) Sickness & disease
- 5) Our enemies
- 6) Guilt
- 7) Condemnation
- 8) Confusion
- 9) Ignorance
- 10) Death

When we receive peace it means something powerful!

What Produces Peace?

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| Revelation knowledge | vs. | Knowledge about, and worldly knowledge |
| Holy Spirit | vs. | Spirit of fear, doubt, unbelief, worry |
| Knowing | vs. | Not knowing, wondering, hoping, |
| Exercising authority | vs. | Complacent, compliant, apathetic, acquiescent |
| Being Convinced of God's Grace | vs. | Doctor's word, scientist, people |
| Faith | vs. | Vagueness, fear, uncertainty, insecurity |
| Surrendering to God's Word & authority | vs. | Resigning peace which is giving up, <i>shutting down</i> our cares, <i>surrendering to whatever will be, will be</i> ...closing down, cutting off desires, burying our dreams, visions, feelings.. <i>I just won't care anymore</i> |

Peace is power to our life WHEN YOU MAKE THE CONNECTION:

- 1) To our body & health
- 2) To our safety
- 3) To Our provision
- 4) To our wellbeing, knowledge, wisdom...to know what to do
- 5) To be witnesses to know what to say & do and persevere