

# Make Church a Part of Your Life

## WEEKLY SERMONETTE

*"Jesus' Promise Provides Peace"*

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Jesus says: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid" (John 14:27). Worldly peace is impossible. Divine peace is possible. And, it is guaranteed. Jesus freely provides his divine gift of peace to all who believe.

Every day it seems that another disaster looms on the horizon. We are daily bombarded with the accounts of man's inhumanity to man. We are ready to throw up our hands in despair. Jesus says: "Peace I leave with you." We have the peace of Jesus because of his resurrection from the dead.

Sometimes we wonder if the world can get any worse. It can. And it will get much worse. People will be lovers of themselves. The love of many will grow cold before the Lord returns. Evil is indeed alive and well. Wickedness knows no bounds. Sin lurks in the hearts of every one of us. We sin daily and fall short of the glory of God. Jesus says: "My peace I give you." We have the peace of God because of

the forgiveness of sins freely provided by Jesus.

Our world is filled with empty promises. All too often we are fooled again and again by the promises that the world would want us to believe. The worldly prom-

ises of security and peace are simply not true. These empty promises utterly fail us completely. Jesus says: "I do not give as the world gives." God is not a man that he should lie. Not one word has failed of all the good

promises that our loving Lord has made.

Our media tries to instill fear in the hearts and lives of people. Terrors and threats and disasters appeal to a much bigger audience. Look and listen to the news stories. Pay attention to all the bad news that it reported. Worse yet, take notice of all the reporting about all the bad things that might or might not happen. All too often the worst fears that are predicted never really do come to pass. All of that worldly worry for no good reason at all. Jesus says: "Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." This comes from God's divine peace.

Our world is filled with wars, rumors of wars destruction, and turmoil. So it will be until the end of time. All of these things do not have to flood our lives. Instead our Lord Jesus Christ promises peace. By his mercy and love our Lord Jesus Christ freely provides his peace. "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful" (Colossians 3:15). Thankful lives are filled with God's peace!

### A Rose in Bloom



To bloom, a rose must be carefully tended. It must be pruned, fed and watered regularly, and protected from foreign matter that could bring it harm. It's unwise to hold a rose too tightly; its thorns will painfully remind you. It's best to travel around rose bushes with caution or they might snag you; they demand room to grow. We can be like roses, needing careful tending, pruning, and room to grow in our own unique way. God allows us the freedom to be ourselves, but gives us guidance and points us in the right direction. At our house of worship, God can help us fully bloom.

Sunday Acts 20.1-16	Monday Acts 20.17-38	Tuesday Ephesians 1.1-23	Wednesday Ephesians 2.1-22	Thursday Ephesians 3.1-21	Friday Ephesians 4.1-16	Saturday Ephesians 4.17-5.2
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