"Peace Which the World Does Not Know and Can not Give"

Picture a massive hurricane raging over the Ocean. On the surface of the sea the violent winds whip the waters into giant waves and create scenes of havoc and chaos. Yet, a mere 25' below the surface, the waters are clear and calm. The fish go on living totally unaware of the tumult above them!

Where there is depth (i.e. in God via His Word), there is PEACE! So it "can be" in the Christian's life.

The title of my message is ... and my opening text is ... the Bible gives us 3 reminders about peace, which sadly, the world does not know and it cannot give.

what are these 3 reminders?

- I. The promise of peace is available in salvation.
- II. There (can be) the proliferation of peace in our sanctification.
- III. There (will be) the perfection of peace in our glorification.

I. The promise of peace (is available) in salvation.

How?

a-By the hearing (or reading) of the Gospel message.

- * One must hear (or read) of the fact of sin.
- * One must hear (or read) of the consequences of sin.
- * One must hear (or read) of the payment for sin.

a- By the hearing (or the reading) of the Gospel message.

what is the Gospel message? (1 Co.15:3,4)

... (v.3) how that Christ <u>died</u> for our sins according to the Scriptures; (v.4) And that He <u>was</u>

buried, and that He arosed from the dead according to the Scriptures ...

what is meant by the hearing (or the reading) of it?

Ro.10:17 says,

So then "faith" comes by (hearing) and hearing by the Word of God.

* One must hear (or read) of the fact of (sin)!

Ro.3:23 says,

For "all" have sinned and come short of the glory of God.

* One must hear (or read) of the consequences of sin! 😕

Ro.6:23a says,

For the wages of sin is death ...

* One must hear (or read) of the payment for sin!

Ro.5:8 NKJ

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

b- One can now choose to believe in "Christ" (alone), @ or not to believe. @ Jn.3:36 says,

He who believes in the Son has everlasting life: and he that believes not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abides on him.

"Your choice, not chance will determine your eternal destiny." ... unknown

Thus, the promise of peace! (i.e. to those who believe in Christ)
Ro.5:1 says,

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

"Man yearns for peace, works hard for peace, but, will not bow to the Prince of Peace. Is it any wonder that peace eludes man?" ... C.G.C.

Question,

Have you ever bowed to "The Prince of Peace?"

Not only is the promise of peace is available thru salvation, but ...

II. There (can be) the proliferation (i.e. increase) of peace in our sanctification.

how?

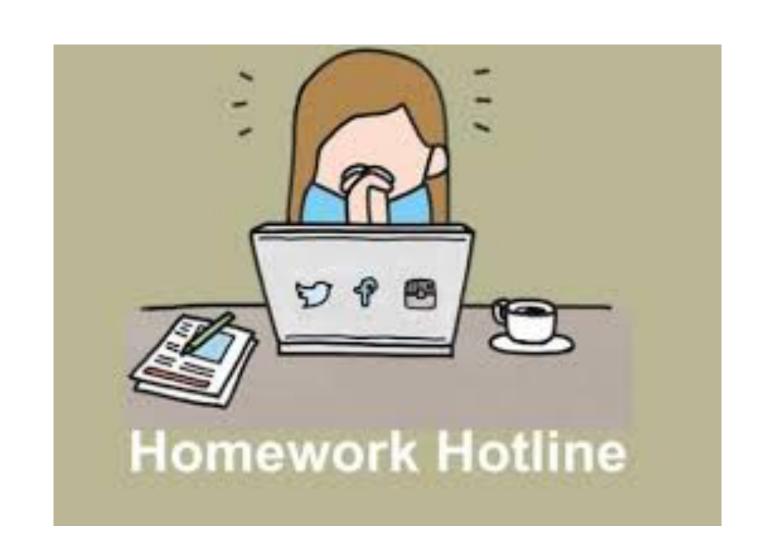
- * Thru submission to the Word of God.
- * Thru memorization of the Word of God.
- * Thru meditation in the Word of God.
- * Thru adoration of the Word of God.
- * Thru supplication in prayer.

Did you know that 7 out of 10 diseases are caused by

STRES?







What is the Rx?

* Through submission to the Word of God.

Pro.3:1,2 says,

My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart "keep my commandments:" the results? For length of days, and long life, (and p-e-a-c-e) shall they "add to thee."

* Through memorization of the Word of God. Pro.3:1-3 says,

... (v.1) forget not my law ... (v.3) "write them" upon the table of thine heart ... (v.1) and p-e-a-c-e- they shall add to thee ...

* Through meditation in the Word of God. Ro.8:6 says,

For to be carnally minded is death; (but) to be "spiritually minded" is life and p-e-a-c-e-... (also note Is.26:3)

* Through adoration for the Word of God.

Ps.119:165 says,

Great p-e-a-c-e- have they which "V" (Thy law): and nothing shall offend them.

(v.6) Be anxious for nothing, but (in) "everything" by prayer and supplication w/ thanksgiving, let your requests be known to God. (v.7) And the p-e-a-c-e- of God which surpasses all understanding shall guard your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ.

Question,

How is your "quiet time?" How is mine?

Not only is the promise of peace available in salvation and then there (can be) the proliferation of peace in our sanctification, but ...

III. There (will be) the perfection of peace in our glorification.

- * In "the Presence" of our Savior!!!
- * In the performance of the Spirit!!!

* In "the Presence" of our Savior.

(e.g. Ec.3:1-8; 11)

- (v.1) To "everything" there is a season and a time to every purpose (under heaven) ...
- (v.8) ... a time of war, and a time of peace ... (v.11) He has made "everything" beautiful in His time.

* In the performance of the Spirit.

(e.g. Ga.5:22,25)

(v.22) But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, p-e-a-c-e- ... (v.25) If we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit.

Question,

Are you, am I looking and longing for "the perfection" of everlasting peace in "the Presence" of our Savior?

hymn, "Peace, Peace, Is Mine" (pg.386)

(v.1) God's Almighty arms around me; Peace, peace is mine! Judgement scenes need not confound me; Peace, peace is mine! Jesus came Himself and sought me; Sold to death, He found and bought me ... Peace, peace is mine!

(v.4) Welcome every rising sunlight. Peace, peace is mine! Nearer home each rolling midnight: Peace, peace is mine! Death and Hell cannot apall me, Safe in Christ whatever befall me; Calmly wait I till He call me: Peace, peace is mine!