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Philippians 4:1-3

Peace with yourself, peace with neighbors and peace with the world is what we need to live as Christians. We fail to grow when we live our lives for others and become afraid of losing the affection and approval of those we think are important in our lives

The Apostle Paul says, “When peace is broken... fix it!”

Now I appeal to Euodia and Syntyche . Please, because you belong to the Lord, settle your disagreement.

St. Paul had been informed about the things in the church, though he was in prison in Rome and so he began his letter in the fourth chapter on the best way of living the Christian life in the world namely: Peace with others and peace with the self. First, living in peace with others in a world of conflict requires standing firm in the lord (v.1), living in harmony with others (V.2 – 3) and Living in spirit of happiness v. 4). But doing this can be hard if we are not at peace with ourselves and so he outlined the second process of being at peace with the self: (1. Forbearance (2) Prayer and thankfulness to God, and (3) The thought process and imagination.

What is stopping you from growing and being what God truly wants you to be? How are faulty thinking and errors in logic leading you to blame God for what you yourself have failed to do? How are you living your life and how are you planning to fulfill God’s plan for you?

What is your pattern of your thoughts and prayers toward others-even toward troublemakers?

Every person mentioned in verses 1-3 was to make her or his contribution to the cause of unity in the church. What contribution are you currently making in your church body...or need to make?

To the two women involved in a feud, Paul exhorts, “Be of the same mind in the Lord” or “live in harmony” (verse 2 NASB). Taken to heart, how can this admonition help you in your relationships within the church? And just as a reminder, according to Philippians 2:5, what is the “mind” or “attitude” we seek?