

Peace of God June 14, 2017

John 10:10 - The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly.

The enemy of God has one purpose, to try and separate us from our Lord. He uses many different tactics but that is his ultimate goal. The above verse tells us that Jesus came to not only give us life but that we may have life **more abundantly**.

The number one tactic for anyone or any being to control someone is through fear. This is the enemy's number one tactic. The Lord's number one tactic is through love.

1 John 4:18 - There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

The fear spoken above is not the same fear we are to have of the Lord. One brings wisdom the other brings torment and pain. Entering and having within us the peace of the Lord is how we survive the tactics of the enemy. Holy Spirit has been highlighting the following passage for myself and has had me use it in prayer for others in the past few weeks:

Philippians 4:6-7 - Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Do you see this? "...the peace of God...will guard your hearts **and** minds **through** Christ Jesus". How amazing is that? What is the peace of God?

In **Isaiah 9:6**, one of the names of the Messiah is "Prince of Peace". **Matthew 5:9** says those that are "peacemakers" are blessed because they will be called "the sons of God". **Romans 14:17** says "for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit". How do we receive and keep this peace?

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Philippians 4:8-9 - Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if *there is* any virtue and if *there is* anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things. 9 The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

Colossians 3:15 says we are to let the peace of God rule (NKJV) in our hearts and be thankful:

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

Let the peace of Christ [the inner calm of one who walks daily with Him] be the controlling factor in your hearts [deciding and settling questions that arise]. To this peace indeed you were called as members in one body [of believers]. And be thankful [to God always]. (AMP)

Above everything, we are to allow the peace of God, through Christ, to rule in our hearts so that division, strife, fear, anger, bitterness, etc. cannot have a place in us/the Body. It is this peace that guards our hearts and minds against the tactics of the enemy. Selah.

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