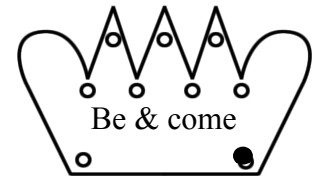


Truly Great When Christ Comes Again



5.4 True Peace

Bible Verse: 1Thessalonians 5:2-3

For you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

Proclaim: *The Lord Jesus said: My Peace I give to you.*

Truth: All the things of this world cannot give real peace. Only the Savior and Lord Jesus Christ can give us true and satisfying peace.



Scripture Reference: Matthew 8:23-27

Lesson: (1) **Who continually trust in the Lord** – *The Lord's disciples were crossing the seas of Galilee when they were gripped by fear and cried: "Lord, save us!" Due to the furious storm, the boat was about to be swept over by the waves. They were fearful due to a lack of faith. However, we should have steadfast trust in God, who is all knowing and almighty. The Bible teaches: "You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you." (Matthew 8:23-27, Isaiah 26:3-4)*

(2) **Who commit all to God in prayer** – "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." *This is God's promise. We enjoy supernatural peace when we pray and commit all our concerns to God. (Philippians 4:6-7)*

(3) **Who do the kingdom will of God** – *The Bible prophesied that at the end time, we will face tribulations and the world will increase in earthquakes, etc. The earth has more and more faults such that the most successful or richest cannot remove the risks of catastrophes nor ensure his personal safety. Only God reigns over all. Thus, some believe that those who have the greatest peace are those who do God's will. David had said: "You know when I sit and when I rise. You perceive my thoughts from afar. ... You hem me in, behind and before; You have laid Your hand upon me." The Bible reveals that God's will includes our praying for the peace of Jerusalem. (Matthew 6:33, Psalm 139:2, 5, Psalm 122:6)*

(4) **The Lord is the Prince of Peace** – *Lord Jesus has a gift for all those who follow Him. He said: "my peace I give to you". The Lord has overcome all evil and conquered death, so that man no longer has to be fearful of death but have real peace. The Lord did not ask that the Heavenly Father take us out of the world but that the Heavenly Father protects us from the evil one. Psalm 37:27 clearly states: "Turn from evil and do good; then you will dwell in the land forever." The Prince of Peace Lord Jesus now sits at the right hand of the Heavenly Father, interceding on our behalf. (John 17:15)*

Conclusion: The peace that the Lord Jesus gives is not of this world; neither can the world take it away. He who asks of God with thankfulness will receive this true peace and it is God's will that we pray for the peace of His holy land, Jerusalem.

Prayer/Invitation: Pray that today's truths will be written on our hearts in Lord Jesus' name