The Peace Of God

Most people enjoy peace in their lives. Turmoil is avoided, if possible. People go on vacations, go to spas, watch movies and read books in search of peace. However, few people find true peace.

There is a peace that only God can provide. It is not a peace like that of the world, temporary and shallow. It is lasting and deep (cf. John 14:27).

God can provide peace between Himself and man. One who is in the world is an enemy of God, thus at war with Him (James 4:4). The one who humbles himself before God will find peace with Him (Acts 10:36).

Peace between former adversaries is also possible. The Jew and Gentile were once separated, but in Christ Jesus they are at peace (Ephesians 2:11-17).

Man can have peace within himself, knowing he has peace with God and is striving to live peaceably with all men (cf. Romans 12:18).

The peace offered by God comes only through Jesus Christ, "For He Himself is our peace" (Ephesians 2:14). Too, the peace of God is found in one body. "And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful" (Colossians 3:15). This means that those who seek peace outside of Christ will not find it. They may find some kind of peace, but not the true peace of God. Likewise, those who seek peace outside of the one body, the church, will not find it (cf. Colossians 1:18).

Are you a part of that one body in Christ? If you have not been baptized you are not. The body of Christ is entered the same way Christ is entered. "For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body" (1 Corinthians 12:13). "For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ" (Galatians 3:27). Do you have the peace of God in your life? Contact us for further study.

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