

DEVO 8

MADE FOR PEACE

"These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

John 14:25-27

Here are some of the ways our culture uses the word 'peace':

World peace. Pray for peace. Peace I leave with you. The peace sign. Peace of mind. Rest in Peace.

Rest in peace stands out as one of the most popular and odd phrases that talk about 'peace'. Resting in peace, what does that even mean? It sounds like being quiet while you're dead. What a weird thing to say! Is the opposite resting in noise? I certainly hope not.

Jesus said He gave us peace. What does that mean though? Jesus gave us His εἰρήνη (eirene) which is translated "peace". It means (amongst other things) "the tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Christ, and so fearing nothing from God and content with its earthly lot, of whatsoever sort that is". Maybe an easier way to say it is, contentment now due to our eternal salvation in the future.

Contentment now, regardless of circumstances. We can be given a peace that covers us regardless of oppression, attack, mockery, separation, or sin. Even better still, Jesus gives us this peace "not as the world gives". How does the world give? Temporally. It promises high and delivers low. The world gives with strings attached. But not our Jesus. He gives permanently, immutably, constantly, perfectly a peace that transcends every earthly barrier.

Welp, I guess the only thing left to say is "peace out".

PRAYER FOCUS:

Thank you God for giving me peace. Lord Jesus, help me to feel at peace with you. Help me to feel at peace with everything else as well. You've given my soul peace permanently because of what you've already done before I was born. Help me to receive that and live a life that reflects upon the peace I have been given.

OTHER VERSES FOR STUDY:

2 Thessalonians 3:16 | Isaiah 36:2-4 | Romans 12:14-21