

**Part- 5...The  
Greatest need in  
the church today  
"The Holy  
Spirit"**

**Galatians 5:22**  
(NKJV) <sup>22</sup>But the fruit  
of the Spirit is love,  
joy, **peace...**

Peace is the most sought after commodity in today's society. I remember once I saw a painting of a storm coming off the ocean and smashing the rocks on the shore of a beach. It was a violent storm for sure, but the name of the painting is what amazed me. It was entitled; "peace." You would wonder what the artist had in mind naming such a violent scene peace. That is until you looked closely at the painting. Upon closer examination you would find tucked away in tightly under a rock cliff a small bird on a nest. The bird was so safely tucked away that he was oblivious to the storm. He was at peace. Brothers and sisters that's what we must do! We must build our homes on the

**Secret  
place**

rock of God's word by obeying what it says and we too will live in peace.

The peace of God is actually found in four different categories. First is the salvation realm. Or we have peace with God because of our faith in Jesus Christ. Our closeness to him floods our heart, life and home because of his peace. Since we know that we are forgiven of our sins we are no longer embarrassed or afraid to stand before God.

**John 5:24 (NKJV)**  
<sup>24</sup>"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

His direction on our life guides us by His Holy Spirit into being what he wants us to become. The salvation dimension also produces a special fellowship with God. We also have the privilege of enjoying the company and

fellowship of other believers because we know we are cleansed of our sins.

**1 John 1:7 (NKJV)**  
<sup>7</sup>But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

The second category of peace is found in our security in Him. Because to the peace of God in our hearts we are free from worry.

**Philippians 4:7**  
(NKJV) <sup>7</sup>and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Our minds can be clear of doubt if we trust Him in all things whether they are good or bad. The peace of God and trust of God frees our mind from unbelief. That in turn frees us up to please God by demonstrating our faith.

**Hebrews 11:6 (NKJV)**

<sup>6</sup>But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Finally our mind is secure from fear. Fear has the power to destroy faith and trust in God so we must avoid any form of it like the plague.

**Isaiah 41:1 (NKJV)**

<sup>1</sup> “Keep silence before Me, O coastlands, And let the people renew *their* strength! Let them come near, then let them speak; Let us come near together for judgment.

I am so apposed to the power of fear that I wrote a battle manual against fear. If fear is a problem in your life I suggest you get a copy of “A Year Without Fear” and begin to live everyday without fear. The third realm of peace takes place in personal satisfaction. When we dedicate our

lives to Him- He promises us peace.

**Psalms 29:11 (NKJV)**

<sup>11</sup> The LORD will give strength to His people; The LORD will bless His people with peace.

In the world in which we live there will be many trials and tribulations, however Christ was able to overcome the world and promises to give us the power to do so as well.

As a young man I had a drinking problem and to think that I could find satisfaction outside of a bottle or can of beer was unheard of. But 22 years later I can tell you for sure that His is my satisfaction. Yes I still have a host of problems to deal with everyday but now for the first time I don't have to try to drink them away to forget them, but instead I face them with Jesus holding my hand knowing that whatever the outcome of the circumstance I face Jesus has my best interest at heart. He will work out His plan for my life I just have to let him work and not

complain about what his is doing.

The final category of peace is found in serenity. When God rules or umpires our heart we live in peace.

**Colossians 3:15 (NKJV)**

<sup>15</sup>And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.

The word for rule in this verse means to umpire. The umpire has the final call in the game no matter what anyone else thinks. So let peace be the umpire of what you do in this life. Also Colossians tells us that our redemption can only be found through His blood that not only gives us forgiveness of sin but also peace with God.

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