

The God of Peace

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9

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The God of Peace Guards us with His Peace and Presence

1. The Peace of God _____ (4-7).

First: _____ (4)

Second: _____ (5)

Third: _____ (6)

2. The God of Peace _____ (8-9).

A. When our _____ is aligned with His (8).

B. When our _____ are aligned with His Word (9).

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[4] Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. [5] Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; [6] do not be anxious about anything, 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 your minds in Christ Jesus.

[8] Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. [9] What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

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APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Why is it so hard to rejoice when we are anxious? How does a Spirit of joy stop/fight a spirit of anxiety/worry?
2. If emotions are not sinful in themselves, what turns them sinful? How do we recognize the emotion of a current situation but not fall into sin?
3. How does Romans 12:1-2 help us understand that the battle of the heart starts with the mind? How does the mind play a role in our tendency to spin into a spiral of anxiety and despair?
4. How does being busy play into a spirit of anxiety? How does being busy fight against prayer, as Samuel Chadwick said, "Hurry is the death of prayer."

Quote for the Week. . .

by Jerry Bridges

Because peace is a fruit of the Spirit, we are dependent upon the Spirit's work in our lives to produce the desire and the means to pursue peace. But we are also responsible to use the means He has given us and to take all practical steps to attain both peace within and peace with others.

Jerry Bridges, Copied from *The Practice of Godliness* by Jerry Bridges, © 1996, p. 166.

