

ONE CHURCH series

Week 8 outline

Phil. 4:1-9

10.20.19

ONE CHURCH: ONE PEACE

"practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you." Phil. 4:9b

I. **GOD'S PEACE: Greater than the Absence of Conflict** (vs 1-3)

"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 14:27

A. The World's Peace:

1. Its Objective is avoidance
 - it's defined by the absence of conflict
2. Its Outcomes are fleeting
 - we try to manage the lack of peace
3. Its Affect is anxiety
 - the life the world tells us to chase doesn't alleviate anxiety...
it amplifies anxiety.

B. Learning from Euodia and Syntyche

God's Peace:

- is a promise calling us to resolve conflict in His grace rather than avoid it
- is a promise received through the Gospel of Jesus Christ
- is a promise leading us to community rather than isolation

GOD'S PEACE IS GREATER THAN THE ABSENCE OF CONFLICT;
IT'S ALL THINGS WORKING TOGETHER,
IN THE WHOLE AND COMPLETE HARMONY OF GOD,
...IT'S THE WAY THINGS OUGHT TO BE.

II. **GOD'S PEACE: Given as the Answer to Our Anxiousness** (vs 4-7)

Walking out of Our Anxiousness and Into God's Peace:

A. Practice Joy (Rejoice)

- Does this circumstance affect my ultimate citizenship in the Kingdom of Heaven?

B. Demonstrate Reasonableness

- Is the situation I'm anxious about *POSSIBLE* or *PROBABLE*?

C. Remember the Lord is Right Here

- What truth is the Holy Spirit inside me speaking to combat the anxiousness I'm struggling to overcome?

D. **Surrender** Everything to God's Sovereignty Rather than Your Control

-Prayer and Supplication

-Am I attempting to control or manipulate something that can be handed over to God?

E. **Proclaim** Gratitude

-What are five things I am grateful for?

F. **Rest** in God's Promise

-How am I positioning my heart and mind to receive help from Christ?

GOD'S PEACE IS GIVEN AS THE ANSWER TO OUR ANXIOUSNESS

III. GOD'S PEACE: Grounded in the Life of Christ (vs 8-9)

A. **Captive Every Thought**

Core-values for Our Thought-Life (vs 8)

"We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ" **2 Cor. 10:5**

1. Truth
2. Honor
3. Justice
4. Purity
5. Love
6. Commend-ability
7. Excellence
8. Praise-worthiness

B. **Conformed to His Image**

"And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son" **Romans 8:28-29b**

Core Practices for Our Physical-Life (vs 9)

1. Practice that which we have learned
 2. Practice that which we have received
 3. Practice that which we have heard
 4. Practice that which we have seen
- ...and the God of peace will be with you.*

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