

Farewell Discourse 7- Christ's Peace

27 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

Jesus makes it clear that there is one solution to the turmoil. "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."

Jesus may not lift us out of our circumstances, but he will help us to thrive in them.

I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. 12 I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need.13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me. Philippians 4:11-13

In order for us to experience the peace that Jesus is talking about we must all confront our resistance to it.

Nothing in life, no matter how much we enjoy it or how good at it we are, will help us make peace within us or with God.

"Everyone who drinks of this (physical) water will be thirsty again, 14 but whoever drinks of the (spiritual) water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." John 4:13-14

We are required to receive Christ's promises and to live them out.

Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; 11 let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. 1 Peter 3:10-11

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

