

## MARRIAGE BY THE BOOK – THE SHOES OF PEACE

### 1. REVIEW: THE SHOES OF PEACE

### 2. THE PEACE OF GOD PROTECTS US in SPIRITUAL WARFARE by GUARDING US FROM Satan's TACTICS.

- A. Ephesians 6:10-12 (NASB) Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the full armor of God, **so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.** For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual *forces* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*.
- B. 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (NASB) For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are **taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ,**
1. **DISCUSS:** "taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ"
    - a. "Satan, IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST, I GIVE NO CONSENT TO THAT THOUGHT... AND IN HIS AUTHORITY YOU MUST GO".
- C. Philippians 4:7 (NASB) And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
1. **God offers us a PEACE that reaches BEYOND WHAT WE CAN COMPREHEND.**
  2. **GOD'S PEACE PROTECTS US!**
- D. Jesus provided a **POWERFUL EXAMPLE OF THE PEACE OF GOD IN THE MIDST OF CHAOS THE NIGHT BEFORE HE WAS ABOUT TO BE CRUCIFIED.**
1. In the **MIDDLE OF HIS STORM**, He said...
  2. JOHN 14:27 "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. **Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful**"
  3. Jesus was saying that **HIS PEACE IS DIFFERENT THAN THE WORD'S PEACE:**
  4. The **WORLD** might offer you:
    - a. **Peace in a pill**
    - b. **Peace in a song**
    - c. **Peace in a drink**
    - d. **Peace in entertainment**
    - e. **Peace in an injection**
    - f. **Peace in a relationship**
    - g. **Peace in a Louis Vuitton bag**
    - h. **Peace in a new vehicle**
    - i. **Peace in a new home**

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- j. The **WORLD** serves up **PEACE** in a **VARIETY OF WAYS**.
  - k. The **PROBLEM** with the **WORLD'S PEACE** is that **IT ONLY LASTS AS LONG AS THE THING IT COMES IN!**
    - 1) The **EFFECTS** of the pill or alcohol or drink **WEAR OFF**. The entertainment **ENDS**, and **SO DOES THE PEACE**.
  - l. **B U T... THE PEACE THAT GOD GIVES REMAINS SO LONG AS WE KEEP OUR FAITH IN HIM.**
  - m. **John 16:33 (NASB)** "These things I have spoken to you, so that **in Me** you may have **peace**. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world."
- E. IN ORDER TO OVERCOME SOMETHING, YOU HAVE TO HAVE SOMETHING TO OVERCOME.**
- 1. **PEACE IS ALWAYS TIED TO OVERCOMING SOMETHING.**
    - a. You won't truly **KNOW** that you have **THE PEACE OF GOD UNTIL SOMETHING GOES WRONG... BECAUSE ANYONE CAN FEEL PEACEFUL WHEN EVERYTHING IS RIGHT.**
- F. THE SECRET TO COVERING OUR FEET WITH THE PEACE OF GOD IS FOUND IN THE GOSPEL**
- 1. We have been instructed to **PUT ON**, "THE PREPARATION OF THE **GOSPEL OF PEACE**"
  - 2. The **Greek** word for "**gospel**" is "**euangelion**", which simply translated means "**GOOD NEWS.**"
    - a. The **literal** translation of "**euangelion**" is **NEWS THAT IS SO GOOD, IT IS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE!**
  - 3. At the **HEART** of the **GOSPEL** is the **DEATH AND RESSURECTION OF JESUS** as the **SUBSTITUTE FOR OUR SINS... BUT** there is **more to it than that.**
    - a. Most people **apply the GOSPEL only** to what it takes to get to **HEAVEN**; however, the **GOSPEL also has an awful lot to do with LIFE ON EARTH.**
    - b. **Romans 5:6-10 (NASB)** For while we were still helpless, at the right time **Christ died for the ungodly**. For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, **Christ died for us**. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of *God* through Him. For if while we were enemies we were **reconciled to God through the death** of His Son, much more, having been **reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.**

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- c. In other words, we are **SAVED FOR HEAVEN** THROUGH **CHRIST'S DEATH... B U T** Jesus is also **DELIVERING OUR LIVES ON EARTH THROUGH HIS LIFE**, and **HIS WORD**.
  - d. We are **FAMILIAR WITH** the **GOSPEL OF CHRIST'S DEATH**. What we have **OFTEN MISSED** is the **GOSPEL OF JESUS' LIFE**.
- G. When you **accepted Jesus**, you were **JUSTIFIED**. **HOWEVER**, the rest of your **time on earth**, you are being **SANCTIFIED**.
1. **1 Thessalonians 5:23 (NASB)** Now may the **God of peace** **Himself sanctify** you entirely; and may your **spirit and soul and body** be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
    - a. **NOTE THE ORDER THAT GOD SANCTIFIES...**
      - 1) **SPIRIT**
      - 2) **SOUL**
      - 3) **BODY**
    - b. Your **SOUL** has become **DISTORTED** through:
      - 1) The **CONSEQUENCES OF YOUR OWN SIN**.
      - 2) **THE EFFECT THAT OTHER'S SIN** has had on you.
      - 3) By **THE WAY YOU WERE RAISED**.
      - 4) By **WHAT YOUR PEERS HAVE SAID OR DONE** to you.
      - 5) By the **MEDIA** and **CULTURE**.
      - 6) By the **THINGS YOU LEARNED IN SCHOOL**.
    - c. Your **DAMAGED SOUL** is rubbing off on the **BODY**, and the **BODY** is simply **ACTING AS AN EXPRESSION OF THAT DAMAGE**.
      - 1) **Everyone** views **LIFE** through the **LENS OF A DISTORTED SOUL**.
- H. **RELIGION** works from the **BODY first (EXTERNAL)**.
1. **GOD** works from the **SPIRIT first (INTERNAL)**, then to the **SOUL**, and finally to the **BODY**.
  2. **So...** if you want your **BODY TO BE VICTORIOUS IN SPIRITUAL WARFARE**, **BEGIN** by getting your **SOUL TO BE VICTORIOUS IN SPITIRITUAL WARFARE**.
    - a. And if you want your **SOUL TO BE VICTORIOUS IN SPIRITUAL WARFARE**, **BEGIN** by feeding and **NOURISHING THE SPIRIT IMPLANTED WITHIN YOU WITH THE WORD OF GOD**.
      - 1) **INSTEAD OF NOURISHING OUR SPIRIT WITH THE WORD OF GOD**, many of us go to a **COUNSELOR** or **READ BOOKS** and try to **UNDERSTAND** what **WE NEED TO DO TO CHANGE OUR SOULS**.
        - i. **NOTE: CHRISTIAN COUNSELORS CAN BE A GREAT SORCE OF HELP**.

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- b. **B U T... GOD GIVES PEACE** all by Himself, and He **STARTS THE PROCESS** right **INSIDE YOUR SPIRIT**.
- I. Here is **HOW IT WORKS**:
1. **YOU READ, STUDY, MEDITATE, and MEMORIZE PRETINANT PARTS OF GOD'S WORD**.
  2. **THEN THE HOLY SPIRIT RELEASES THAT TRUTH** — what you might call the **DNA of God** — into your **SPIRIT**.
  3. Your **SPIRIT** then **DELIVERS GOD'S TRUTH** it to your **SOUL**.
    - a. **B U T, OFTEN** we're **NOT EXPERIENCING THE RELEASE OF GOD'S TRUTH INTO OUR SOUL**, because **IN ORDER FOR the SOUL TO RECEIVE the THINGS of the SPIRIT, it MUST FIRST AGREE WITH THE SPIRIT**.
  4. **THEREFORE**, you must **START** by **REPLACING THE DISTORTIONS** within your **SOUL** WITH THE **TRUTH OF GOD**.
    - a. THE **TRUTH** IS STHE **ONLY THING** THE **SPIRIT** AND THE **SOUL** CAN **AGREE UPON**.
  5. The **ONLY WAY** TO EXPERIENCE TRUE and **AUTHENTIC PEACE** IS TO **SUBMIT YOUR MIND, WILL, AND EMOTIONS... YOUR SOUL... TO THE TRUTH OF GOD FOUND IN HIS WORD**.
  6. **T H E N YOUR SOUL RELEASES GOD'S WORD INTO OUR BODY, TELLING IT HOW TO ACT.**
  7. **THEN WE CAN EXPERIENCE THE PEACE OF GOD!**
3. **"OVERHEARD IN AN ORCHARD"**
- "Said the robin to the sparrow,  
I would really like to know  
Why these anxious human beings  
Rush about and worry so.  
Said the sparrow to the robin,  
Friend, I think that it must be  
That they have no Heavenly Father  
Such as cares for you and me."
4. **QUESTIONS** and **DISCUSSION**

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