

Beyond Sunday

Peace (Prince of Peace pt 1)

A Sermon Application Guide

This guide is designed to offer a simple tool for those wanting to take the next step with Sunday's message. You can print this guide to study on your own, or use it in a group and experience transformation together.

Our hope is that the living, breathing words of truth that are revealed to you become a part of your everyday life. In the book of James, we read about a key to living life with God. We are told that if we ask for wisdom by faith then we shall receive it generously from our Father in Heaven. One of the best ways to receive this wisdom is by preparing to receive it. We invite you to pray this prayer prior to the message and the study guide:

"God, thank you for your truth and wisdom. Help me to see what I need to see, hear what I need to hear and know what I need to know. Holy Spirit, help me to understand in a way that shows me the Father's true nature and heart. May this time help me to know you more and become more like Jesus. Amen."

Message Theme

Jesus is the Prince of Peace and He brought peace and righteousness for us all.

Key Concepts/Truths

When we recognize that we are righteous before God because of what Jesus has done, we will find peace.

"The Kingdom of God is...righteousness, peace, and joy." Romans 14:17

Peace is not the absence of something, but instead the presence of someone: The Prince of Peace.

Peace is a tangible and spiritual force that is meant to radiate out to everything and everyone around us.

The peace of Jesus is not based on the circumstances and storms around us, but in spite of them.

Jesus never promised a life without trouble, but a life of peace and confidence in Him.

Key Verses:

Luke 2:14 • Isaiah 9:6 • Romans 14:17 • Ephesians 6:15 • 2 Corinthians 5:19-21

Which one truth do you already have evidence of in your life today? Ask the Lord for new ways to see even more of it for you and others around you. Write your answers out.

Which one truth is the most challenging or least existing in your life today? Why do you think this is? Ask the Lord if there are any beliefs or barriers that are keeping you from believing that particular truth. Write it out.

Real-Life Application

Jesus and His disciples stepped onto the boat. The goal was a nice sail to the other side of the lake where Jesus could continue His ministry, but while He was asleep in the boat, the disciples found themselves fighting a raging storm. When they realized they were in over their heads, they quickly woke Him up and said, “Teacher; do you not care that we are perishing?”

Jesus woke up and calmed the storm saying, “Peace, be still!” The storm ceased and the waters were peaceful.

You might wonder how Jesus was able to sleep through the storm and only wake when His disciples called for Him. Unlike the fearful disciples, His internal peace was greater than the external storm. The power and authority that He used to rebuke the storm came from the overwhelming righteousness, peace, and joy that Jesus carried. He was able to silence the chaos and destruction around Him by choosing to build the Kingdom rather than succumb to fear and darkness. His peace destroyed the dangerous environment and the destructive plans of the enemy.

The peace that Jesus exemplified on the boat has been made available to you through the righteousness bought on the cross. Through the Holy Spirit, you are the force that can stop the destructive plans of the enemy by choosing to build the Kingdom of God rather than falling into fear and doubt. Peace in the face of the storm makes the enemy face the power and authority of Jesus on the earth.

Remember His two powerful words this week: Be Still.

Read Mark 4:35-41

This Week's Declarations

Life is released when your words are in agreement with God. Intentionally speaking life and biblical truth out loud is extremely powerful. In fact, you have that very life in the power of your tongue.

These words below, when spoken out loud, will cause an acceleration of the reality of God's words in your life. We encourage you to speak the following with an expectancy to renew your mind and see God's fullness.

The Prince of peace lives inside of me and I am righteous.

I am righteous before God, not because of what I have done, but because of what Jesus has done.

The peace of Jesus in me has authority over my external environment.

I choose to focus on the One who truly brings peace in all storms and circumstances: Jesus Christ.

Chaotic and destructive storms in my life, be calmed now in Jesus' Name.

I will live as a well of peace for everyone and everything around me.

Greater Things

The beginning of true peace is accepting Jesus as our Lord and Savior. God's word says that this peace flows like a river and can wash over us. Allow this peace to wash over you right now as you take time to meditate on Jesus' words:

"Peace I leave with you; My [perfect] 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 afraid. [Let My perfect peace calm you in every circumstance and give you courage and strength for every challenge.]" John 14:27 AMP

What's Next

Now it's time to write down anything that the Lord has spoken to you. Praise Him, Thank Him and ask the Holy Spirit to help you walk this out.

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Luke 2:8-14 NKJV

Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. 10 Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. 11 For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12 And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: 14 "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

Isaiah 9:6 NKJV

For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Colossians 1:16-17 NKJV

For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. 17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

Matthew 6:10 ESV

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

John 14:27 NKJV

Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Psalms 69:30 NKJV

I will praise the name of God with a song, And will magnify Him with thanksgiving.

Isaiah 61:3 NKJV

The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness...

Philippians 4:4 ICB

Do not worry about anything

Philippians 4:8 KJ21

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Romans 14:17 KJV

For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Philippians 4:4 NKJV

Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice.

Ephesians 6:15 NKJV

and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace

Isaiah 26:3 NKJV

You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You.

2 Corinthians 4:8-18 KJV

We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; 9 Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; 10 Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. 11 For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh. 12 So then death worketh in us, but life in you. 13 We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak; 14 Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you. 15 For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God. 16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. 17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; 18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

Isaiah 32:17 NKJV

The work of righteousness will be peace, And the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever.

Romans 14:17 NKJV

for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

2 Corinthians 5:19 TLB

For God was in Christ, restoring the world to himself, no longer counting men's sins against them but blotting them out.

2 Corinthians 5:21 KJV

For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Romans 1:16 KJV

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

Roman 1:16 STEVENS

The Gospel, I say, Can save men, For in it a way is revealed in which Sinful men may be accepted before God and may stand in His presence approved and forgiven.

Romans 1:16 LOVETT

It is the power which Emanates from God and saves all who believe in it... It reveals God's way of making men as right as Himself.

2 Corinthians 5:8 NKJV

...to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.

Romans 3:20 NKJV

Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin.

Romans 5:20 NKJV

Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more,

Romans 4:25 AMP

because of our justification [our acquittal—absolving us of all sin before God]

Romans 4:25 ROTH

...on account of the declaring us righteous.

James 5:16 AMP

Therefore, confess your sins to one another [your false steps, your offenses], and pray for one another, that you may be healed *and* restored. The heartfelt *and* persistent prayer of a righteous man (believer) can accomplish much [when put into action and made effective by God—it is dynamic and can have tremendous power].

James 5:17 AMPC

Elijah was a human being with a nature such as we have [with feelings, affections, and a constitution like ours]; and he prayed earnestly for it not to rain, and no rain fell on the earth for three years and six months. And [then] he prayed again and the heavens supplied rain and the land produced its crops [as usual].