

## **The Power of Peace Philippians 4:4& 9 Emphasis 6&7**

<sup>4</sup> Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice! <sup>5</sup> Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do. Remember, the Lord is coming soon.<sup>[c]</sup>

**<sup>6</sup> Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. <sup>7</sup> Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.**

<sup>8</sup> And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. **Fix your thoughts** on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.

<sup>9</sup> Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. **Then the God of peace will be with you.**

**Peace is not The Absence Of Conflict** Jesus says in John 16:33

*<sup>33</sup> These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.*

### **Peace is An Inside Job**

Most of my life is lived between my ears. It is my thoughts, that “Little Negro” who lives in my head next door to the “Strong Man.”

The difference between Living with Worry and living with Vision is simply one thing. Worry focuses on the things it fears will happen, and Vision focuses on the things it is willing to work to make happen.

**Fix your thoughts (Fasten or Repair) What's Important Now? (W.I.N.)**

**There Is Power In Peace**

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There is a Power in Peace that you may not know exists. Paul, in each of his letters, uses the following statement in some way,

*Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.*

*In Galatians 5:22ff we find Peace as the third Fruit of the Spirit. It is preceded by Love and Joy. So, in the few moments I have left, please allow me to open this text to display the power of Peace.*

Peace is a response to the experience of Love we receive from God. We experience this Love in the form of Grace! We don't deserve it, we cannot earn it, and it is God's to give freely. It is Grace that keeps us regardless of how we fail. Beloved, let's get real; we fail! We stumble, but thank God He is able and willing to keep us from falling, but what do we do when we decide to Jump?

God Loved so much that He willingly sacrificed His Most Precious for the Most Perverted. That kind of Love once realized ought to drive us to our knees in praise and thanks to God. It produces the experience of Joy. Joy is the realization that you are safe in the Arms of God even from yourself. Nothing can separate us from That Love. It is when you discover that you are completely safe that you begin to appreciate and understand Peace! **Peace** calms the storm within, **Peace** holds my soul when the world would rip it apart, **Peace** keeps me sane amid insanity in the world. And when you fail and when I fail, Peace holds me fast in the reality of the great Hope We have in Christ. We are encouraged by the words of Philippians 1:6

**<sup>6</sup>Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:**