

## Peace – Pt 3 The peace of a believer

This is our third study on peace. In our previous teaching we established that – (1) Jesus gives us His peace, (2) Jesus is our peace when He made Jew and Gentile one in Christ, (3) therefore the gospel of Christ is good news of peace, and (4) therefore we preach peace!. In this study we establish – (1) we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ because we are justified by His faith, when we walk as new creatures, and do good works, and 2) we are to live in peace and follow after peace.

Scriptures upon which this teaching is founded.

### 1. We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ –

i) because we are justified by faith – the faith of Christ

“Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ” (Rom.5: 1) – c.f. – Gal.2: 16 “Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ”

He made “peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself” (Col 1:20).

ii) when we walk as new creatures in Christ and glory in the cross.

“God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them” (Gal.6:14–16)

iii) when we do good works.

“But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good” (Rom.2: 10).

### 2. Those that believe the gospel of peace, are to –

i) “live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you” (2 Cor.13: 11).

ii) where possible live peaceably with all men (Rom.12: 18).

iii) follow after the things which make for peace

“Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another” (Rom.14: 19).

Illustration to help apply the teaching to our life.

The book “War and Peace” is set in the back drop of the 1812 Napoleon’s invasion of Russia where a family experiences peace and happiness in war time.

For the believer – our flesh wars against our spirit, yet we experience peace.

Questions to think about.

a) How does a believer have peace whilst being in a war, in a world of tribulation?

b) Why would a Christian not have peace?

Our answers from the scriptures.

a) A believer has peace because Christ has overcome the world (Jn.16: 33).

b) A believer may not have peace because –

i) they experience a trial of faith and are not assured of being justified by the faith of Christ (Gal.2: 16),

ii) when they walk not as new creatures in Christ but after the flesh, and

iii) when they do no good works.

Be encouraged to live in peace, and let the peace of God rule in your heart (Col 3:15).