### Where Can We Find Peace?

By Edd Sterchi

It seems this day and age there are not very many who are at peace. Nations are in dispute, families are in disarray, and people are dissatisfied. We rush about trying to bring peace and order to our lives, but to no avail. When we find a moment of peace, it seems to fly away before we really have a chance to enjoy it.

Where can we find peace for our troubled lives? Maybe we're looking in the wrong places. The world and its pleasures will never bring true peace. The Bible reveals to us where we can find true and lasting peace.

We Can Find Peace in Faith. If we have true faith in God and His word, nothing should be able to bring turmoil to our souls. Our faith can carry us through difficult circumstances that would bring unrest to others. Yes, peace is found in faith: "Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace..." (Rom. 5:1).

We Can Find Peace in Function. Having a purpose for life and using it to serve others in the Lord's name brings great satisfaction – and satisfaction brings peace along as a companion. "Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace" (Jas. 3:18). And may I add they reap peace, as well.

We Can Find Peace in Forgiveness. Many do not have peace in their lives because they carry grudges and burdens. When we are unwilling to forgive others, we will never be at peace – with them or with ourselves. When we dwell in sin, our lives are in constant tumult. But when we are forgiven and forgive others, peace reigns and life is great. "…even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do…And let the peace of God rule in your hearts…" (Col.3:13-15).

The bottom line is that we can find peace in Jesus Christ. In Jesus we get forgiveness. In Jesus we find true function for our lives. In Jesus we can obtain a faith that will never let us down. In Jesus we can have peace "at all times" and "in every way" (2 Thess. 3:16, ESV).



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#### WELCOME!

Sunday	Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.
	Worship- 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday	Bible Study-6:30 p.m

## All the churches of Christ greet you.

Romans 16:16

#### Today's Sermon: Wondering about the Wandering?

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Headphones are available for the hearing impaired.

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-11

### ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS…

- Sunday Morning Bible Class: Teachings from the Psalms
- Wednesday Evening Bible Class: March 10<sup>th</sup> at the building, 6:30pm- we will continue studying Zechariah. Come at 6 and enjoy eating with us before class.
- Sojourners: Mike and Nadine Huddleston, Larry and Kay Little, Doug and Sandy Zimmerman and Dave and Kristy Bell hope to be here the last week in June and the first two weeks in July.



- Jerry was with us in worship last Sunday. We are all thankful that he is doing so well after his bout with Covid 19.
- Many of us are having success getting our Covid vaccinations. A few have already had both shots, and some are done with their first one. We are looking forward to not having to deal with lockdowns and restrictions anymore.

# PRAYERS

- Arthur's older brother Chris who lives in Yorkshire, England has been diagnosed with early onset dementia.
- **Pat Gutherie** has had lung cancer reoccur in his left lung. He has recently begun chemo.
- Pray for **Don Myers** of Elmore, AL. He is in constant pain from a back injury. He has recently changed doctors and is hoping for some new ideas for his treatment.
- José Rivera, Molly's husband, has been laid off work until he can stabilize his blood sugar levels. Pray for him.
- We are thankful that **Darlene** has finally got negative Covid results and is going back to work tomorrow.
- Pray for Linnett Short, a former coworker of Paul's. She has recently been diagnosed with stage 3 lung cancer.
- Lynne Laton, who was one of our Sojourners two years ago, has been dealing with a partially detached retina. She had laser surgery to repair the tear and needs further laser treatment because part of it is still there.
- Arthur's sister, Sue, a two-time breast cancer survivor, is being checked for suspicious activity near her last outbreak.
- Arthur has been diagnosed with COPD possibly because of serving on a naval aircraft carrier in the 70s and working near toxic substances.

If you have any PRAYERS or NEWS that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy at <u>barncat7237@gmail.com</u> or text or call (607) 261-0911.

Arthur will be preaching today.