

Peace, Perfect Peace

By Edd Sterchi

On the night of His betrayal, Jesus made the following statement: "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" (John 14:27). Those beautiful words of comfort to Jesus' apostles should hold great meaning for us today, as well.

The world claims to give men some peace. As a result, over the centuries, men have tried many things in and of themselves to find internal peace – transcendental meditation, yoga, philosophy, pleasure, and hot tea, just to name a few. But none of those can give true, lasting satisfaction, comfort, and peace of soul and mind.

The peace that the Prince of Peace (Isa. 9:6) gives is real and enduring (Ezek. 37:26). It meets all the needs of our souls. And He left this peace with us in the form of the Gospel (Ephesians 6:15). The word of God will never let us down. Reading it should continually soothe us and bring great tranquility to our lives.

As we read more of God's will, more "peace of mind" should come. As we righteously live what we have learned, we can be assured that we can continually "keep the peace" that Christ desires us to have in our lives (James 3:18). As we tell others about the truth of the gospel of peace (Romans 10:15), we help to spread the good news about the peace that passes all understanding (Philippians 4:7).

Jesus left His peace with us. Let's not let it go to waste. Let's claim our piece of Jesus' peace and be "at peace" forevermore. "Peace to you all who are in Christ Jesus. Amen." (1 Peter 5:14)



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WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Study- 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30pm

All the churches of Christ greet you.

ROMANS 16:16

Today's Sermon: *Are You Eating to Live?*

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Scripture: John 6:32-48

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Ladies Class: Out for the summer! Watch this space! We will resume in September.**
- **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** July 25th at 7pm. We are studying the book of Judges.
- **5th Sunday Regional Singing @ Ithaca, July 29th @ 4pm.**
- **VBS** with our Kittanning and Camp Hill brethren August 11th and 12th.

Next Potluck: August 19th



- Please remember the fundraising bottles for the Crisis Pregnancy Center. Fill them up with change and bring them in.
- **Athens Street Fair:** We gave away over 20 Bibles, many balloons, Bible quizzes (Is it in the Bible?), Arthur's "business" cards, World Bible School lessons and sang a few hymns and prayed for one lady and counseled a few other people. We attempted to get the word out about VBS in 3 weeks.
- The next 5th Sunday singing will be next week at Ithaca- 4pm.

Lani's new address is:

Lani Schwartz

12655 Crossroads Park Dr.

Apt #734

Houston, TX 77065

Ted and Jennifer and Ethan have returned from their beach vacation.

Welcome back, guys!

PRAYERS...

- We pray that our **effort at the Athens Street Fair produces fruit and Bible studies. Let's all invite our friends and neighbors to study the Bible and attend worship.**
- Pray for **Andrea Lentz** – lung cancer.
- Pray for **Lori Kashorek** – lung cancer, recovery from brain tumor.
- Pray for Sandy and Arthur's neighbor, **Erin Beiber** who has metastatic breast cancer.
- **Patty and Ruthie's cousin Cathy's husband Bruce** has kidney cancer.
- **Pray that Dave and Lynne Laton's daughter Natalie** will be able to recover from her cancer (lymphoma).
- Pray for our nation's **healing** and repentance.
- Darlene and Doug are dealing with a sick pet dog, **Hachi**, and Patty and Tim said goodbye to one of their cats last week.
- **Emily Barry** is thankful for a better paying job, and they are thankful that **Aidan** found a summer job.
- **Dara Reynolds** has been going through some hard times the last few weeks. Prayers for her.
- Please pray for a little girl named **Cassia** from Utica who has cancer.
- **Teresa Wyeth** from Tunkhannock lost her father on Wednesday. Her mother passed away just a month or so ago.

If you have any prayers or news that you would like included in the bulletin, please