

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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All the Churches of Christ greet you.

Romans 16:16

WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 p.m.

Today's Sermon: How We Got the Bible

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 3:1-6

Sermons are recorded and are available for listening on the church website.

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Notes for Sunday morning and Wednesday evening classes are available on the website.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- ❖ **Sunday Morning Bible Class:** Romans
- ❖ **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** 6:30pm May 17, on Zoom, Arthur will be continuing a study from G.R.O.W. We will be in the second chapter on R (repentance). You should receive notes ahead of time by email.
- ❖ **Next Potluck and Bring-a-Friend Sunday** – May 21.
- ❖ **Ladies' Class** –Tuesday, May 16. Obadiah
- ❖ **Next 5th Sunday Singing** – July 30. Here.



 **MAGI boxes** –Arthur plans to deliver the boxes to Mark Hatfield on Thursday, 5/18, much earlier than expected. We plan to **meet here at the building tomorrow at 10am to fill the boxes.** We have everything we need except for 24 plastic cups and 29 girls' skirts. There are a couple of days between Monday and Thursday (delivery day) for last minute efforts, but the Whitehall church in Pittsburgh will supplement anything that is missing. They appreciate our effort!

Delayed Memorial Day Picnic: Saturday, June 3rd at Amy & Steve's house- 911 Beardsley Hollow Rd., Alpine, NY 14805. Lunch at 1pm, bring a dish to pass and lawn chairs.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST- yesterday was a good time of fellowship and teaching. Our men put on a delicious pancake breakfast with bacon, sausage and eggs. Russel Main of Wellsboro presented a good lesson about telling others about Jesus. Men from Sayre, Wellsboro, Horseheads and Endwell came to share the prayer breakfast.

PRAYERS

- **Pray for Steve and Amy as they travel today to Israel. Pray for their safety, enjoyment and ease of travel.**
- **Please pray for the effective success of the MAGI boxes that we will be sending to the age 11+ children in Honduras.**
- **Pray for Miki as she mourns the loss of her friend Carol Lou.**

Pray for these people:

- **Steve Burger-** lung cancer
- **Bob** (Steve Burger's brother-in-law)- lung and rectal cancers
- **Sue Barry-** Breast cancer stage 4 chemo treatment
- **Pat Guthrie-** lung cancer, stage 4 chemo treatment
- **Bonnie's brother Gregg-** prostate surgery in June
- **Mike Walls,** frontal lobe dementia. He is not improving and Carrie is very discouraged.
- **Jim Sexton,** esophageal cancer, back on chemo
- **Tresa Shirrell's mom, April,** terminal cancer, salvation
- **Ukraine, Sudan, and other war-torn areas of the world.**
- **Jerry Lowe-** needs contact with a church and a ride to worship. Pray that he may be encouraged.

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