

“The Fruit of the Spirit is Peace...”

Gal. 5:22-23

Introduction

- I. As we continue with a study of the Fruit of the Spirit, we have come to the topic of peace.
- II. We must realize that Biblical peace is not always in harmony with what the world calls peace.
- III. Let us see what we can glean from the Scriptures in regard to peace.

Discussion

- I. True peace can only be obtained from God (1 Thess. 5:23; Isa. 9:6; Acts 10:34-36).
 - A. Peace is thought to be when no conflicts arise.
 - B. The Bible description of peace is as follows:
 1. The Greek word for peace is eirene, which entails the idea of living in harmony with others.
 2. Thayer referred to peace as, “...the tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Christ, and so fearing nothing from God and content with its earthly lot, of whatever sort it is”.
 3. Peace promotes fellowship and camaraderie.
 - C. Jesus offers true peace (John 14:27; 16:33).
 1. Peace with God (Rom. 5:1-11)
 2. Peace with man (Eph. 2:11-22)
 3. Peace with self (Phil. 4:7-13)
- II. How do we keep peace?
 - A. Stay focused on God (Isa. 26:3; Heb. 12:1-2).
 - B. Continue to study the Word of God and love It (2 Tim. 2:15; Psm. 119:165; Isa. 48:18).
 - C. Prayer and righteous thoughts (Phil. 4:6-9).
 - D. Pursue peace with others (1 Pet. 3:8-12; Matt. 5:9).
 - E. Sow peace (James 3:18).

Conclusion

- I. Peace is a blessing that we all should desire and foster.
- II. The fruit of the Spirit is peace...