

John 14:1-6, 27

<sup>1</sup> “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.

<sup>2</sup> In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

<sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

<sup>4</sup> And where I go you know, and the way you know.”

<sup>5</sup> Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?”

<sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

<sup>27</sup> 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.

## *“Peace” John 14:27*

INTRO:

Pastor Jameson told us several times how he prays that God will help him be and do certain things related to Who God is. I also do that. It struck me on vacation that I should take time to explore these qualities with you. I pray that the Lord will give me peace, joy, courage, wisdom, and trust in my walk with Him. Every time I pray there are certain verses that come to mind about each of these qualities. The first of these is peace and the verse is our text for today, **John 14:27**. We have peace because of the Lord Jesus Christ gives us peace.

*I. Peace He gives “My peace I give to you.”*

*II. The difference between His peace and the World’s peace “Not as the world gives do I give to you.”*

*III. What are we required to do through His abiding peace? “Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”*

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**John 14:27** *“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.”*

A. This verse has a context. **John 14** opens with *“Let not your heart be troubled.”* This is a command. We need to know we are required to have untroubled hearts. We learned here we do this by counseling our hearts with the truth that the Lord will come back for us someday. Our text for today is found in **verse 27**. Here, too, we are commanded that our heart must not be troubled or afraid. How is this possible?

B. We are to have hearts not disturbed with storms of care because the Lord Jesus Christ bequeathed to us His peace. He gave it to us. What peace is that?

1. In the Bible peace means more than the absence of conflict. It involves a sense of God’s presence, personal blessing, and well-being. We tend to put these things in two categories. First the peace with God, which we will discuss in the next point and the Peace of God.

2. The Peace that Jesus left to us is more than just the absence of conflict. It is a peace that is ours internally. It is a peace which comes from the ministry of God in us. Remember this context?

C. We have Peace because we have the Holy Spirit in us to help us, enable us, and guide us.

**John 14:16–17** *“And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.”*

We also have peace because we obey Him and God the Father and the Son abide with us in the person of the Holy Spirit of God.

**John 14:23** *“Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.”*

Because God is in us, and living through us we can live lives characterized by peace that passes all understanding.

The manifestation of this peace is what we read of in **Philippians 4:6-7**.

*“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”*

**II. The difference between His peace and the World’s peace**

*“Not as the world gives do I give to you.”*

A. The peace that the Lord Jesus leaves to us and gives to us is not like the peace the world gives. What kind of the peace does the world give? Peace for the world is an environment without conflict. No war means peace.

B. There is a part of the peace the Lord gives and is in some way external. In **Romans 5**, we learn that we were at war with God.

**Romans 5:8–10** *“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.”*

We were at war with God. The war is resolved through the death of the Lord Jesus Christ on the cross for our sins. When we trust Christ as our savior, the war is over and peace has begun.

C. This is different from the peace the world gives. The world cannot produce peace with God or the peace of God in our lives. It can only temporarily cause the cessation of fighting and war from without. It cannot create or build a relationship with God on the inside.

### ***III. What are we required to do through His abiding peace?***

*“Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”*

A. How then do we keep our hearts from being troubled or afraid? This is where the promises God gave to us come in to play. Let us just drink in these promises.

B. One of my favorite promises is in **Hebrews 13: 5-6**.

*“Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, ‘I will never leave you nor forsake you.’ So we may boldly say: The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?”*

C. Here is one for those who have yet to believe.

**Romans 10:9–10** *“If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”*