

Peace Internal/Peace Eternal

Isaiah 26:3

“Thou Will keep him in “perfect peace,” whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusts in Thee”

Note: As the trying and stressful days of the end of history occur, God will keep in perfect peace the remnant who remain steadfast and faithful to their Lord. In times of trouble, we must continually strive to keep our minds turned to the Lord in prayer, trust and hope. We must place our trust in Him because He is a Rock who endures forever (vs.4); He is a sure and firm foundation.

[Isaiah 26:4]: “Trust ye in the Lord forever: for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.”

Background Scriptures: ***“Come unto Me, all ye that labor, and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.” [Matthew 11:28-30].***

Note: Jesus’ gracious invitation comes to all who “labor and are heavy laden” with troubles of life and the sins of their own human nature. By coming to Jesus, becoming His servant and obeying His direction, He will free you from your insurmountable burdens and give you rest, peace and His Holy Spirit to lead you through life. What trials and cares you carry will be borne with His help and grace.

Peace is a Promise:

[John 14:27]: “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world gives, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”

Peace is also a possession:

[14:26]: “But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, Whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.”

Note: The counselor is identified as the “Holy Ghost.” For the **N.T.** Christian the most important thing about the Spirit is not His power (**Acts 1:8**), but that He is “Holy.” His holy character, along with the manifestation of that holy character in the lives of believers, is what matters most.

As Comforter: [vs.16]: The Spirit will be by the disciples side to help and strengthen them (**Matthew 14:30-31**), to teach the true course for their lives (**vs.26**), to comfort in difficult situations (**vs. 18**), to intercede for them (**Romans 8:26-27**); to be a friend to further their best interests (**vs.17**) and to remain with them forever.

[14:17]: *“Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it sees Him not, neither know Him: but you know Him; for He dwells with you and shall be in you.”*

Note: [in you/and in you]: The Holy Spirit now lives with the disciple, and Christ promises them that in the future He will “be in you.” This promise of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit was fulfilled after Christ’s resurrection when He breathed on them and said to them, “Receive ye the Holy Ghost” (**John 20:22**).

As the Spirit of truth: [vs.17]: The Holy Spirit is called “the Spirit of truth” (**15:26, 16:13; I John 4:6, 5:6**), because He is the Spirit of Jesus, who is truth. As such, He testifies to the truth (**18:37**), enlightens concerning the truth, exposes untruth (**16:8**) and guides the believer into all truth (**16:13**). Those who are willing to sacrifice truth for the sake of unity, love or any other reason deny the Spirit of truth, whom they claim lives in them. The church that abandons the truth abandons its Lord. The Holy Spirit will not be the counselor of those who are indifferent in their commitment to the truth. Comes only to those who worship the Lord “in spirit and in truth (**4:24**).

Final Thoughts: *And let the peace of God rule in your heart, to the which also ye are called in one body and be ye Thankful. “These things I have spoken unto you, that in Me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”* [Colossians 3:15/John 16:33]