

Navigating Tough Times

TRUE PEACE

We can enjoy true peace in the midst of a turbulent world.

(Philippians 4:4-7) Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!... Don't worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses every thought, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

1. Personal Relationship With Jesus

(7) The PEACE of God, which surpasses every thought, will guard your hearts and your minds in CHRIST JESUS.

- A. Do you have a personal relationship with Jesus?
- B. When Christ comes into a person's life, He brings PEACE.
- C. Joy is peace laughing. Peace is joy at rest.

(Psalm 4:8) I will both lie down and sleep in PEACE, for You alone, Lord, make me live in safety.

(Psalm 29:11) The Lord blesses His people with PEACE.

(Isaiah 26:3) You will keep in perfect PEACE the mind that is dependent on You.

(John 16:33) "I have told you these things that in Me you may have PEACE."

(John 14:27) "PEACE I leave with you. My PEACE I give to you... Your heart must not be troubled."

2. Present Requests To Jesus

(6) Don't worry about anything, but in everything through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.

- A. Does our peace depend on our confidence in the provision?
- B. Does our peace depend on our confidence in the Provider?

(1 Peter 5:7) [Cast] all your care upon HIM, because HE cares about you.

3. Persistently Return to Jesus

- A. True peace rarely comes from "periodic" visits with Jesus.

(6) In EVERYTHING, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.

(1 Thessalonians 5:17) Pray CONSTANTLY.

- B. Real peace is only to be had when we're "next to" Jesus.