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How Peace with God is Grown



(part 2)

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I. Let Your Light be Shown

"Let your **moderation** be known unto all men..." (Philippians 4:5)

What does that mean?

Moderation - How you are living; Right Words,
 Right Actions, Right Reason or
 Motive - All done for the glory of God

A. Peace <u>Established</u> through a Personal Relationship

1. You must be **born again**

- "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be **born again**, he cannot see the kingdom of God." (John 3:3)
- 2. By **believing** on the Lord Jesus Christ "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that **whosoever believeth in** him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)
- 3. **Peace** established by our salvation relationship through Jesus "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:" (Romans 5:1)

What does that mean?

• Justified - Just if I'd never sinned

B. Peace <u>Grown</u> through Fellowship

1. By **Following** Jesus

"Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that **followeth me** shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the **light of life**." (John 8:12)

2. By Fellowship wth Others

"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have **fellowship** one with another..." (I John 1:7)

Word of caution about our fellowship with other people and their influence on our lives:

Remember that "evil communications corrupt good manners." (I Corinthians 15:33)

- a. Family
- b. Friends/Neighbors
- c. Church Family
- d. Christian Family
- e. Co-workers/Boss
- f. Hobbies/Sports
- h. World

C. Peace is <u>Grounded</u> in Promise "... *The Lord is at hand.*" (Philippians 4:5)

A Promise is only as Good as the one who made the Promise. Our Peace is Grown becaue it is Grounded in God's Unbreakable Promise.

1. His Person

- a. **Omnipotent** having ultimate power; All-powerful
- b. Omniscient All-knowing
- c. Omni-present Everywhere present
- d. Eternal Always existing for all time
- e. Holy, Just, and Righteous All things done right and for the right reason

"... *The Lord is at hand.*" (Philippians 4:5) He sees all, knows all, and is everywhere

2. His Promise

a. His Imminent **Return**"And if I go and prepare a place for you,
I will **come again**, and receive you unto
myself; that where I am, there ye may be
also." (John 14:3)

What does that mean?

• Imminent - almost certain to happen soon; at any moment

- i. No man knows when Matthew 24:36
- ii. Always be **ready** Matthew 24:44, 47
- iii. Blessed Hope Titus 2:13
- iv. Having His **Promise** should Prompt us to live **Pure Lives** I John 3:3

b. His Indisputable Judgment

What does that mean?

- Indisputable unable to be challenged or denied
 - i. Jesus is **Judge** John 5:27
 - ii. Judge according to the **Word of God** John 12:48
 - iii. Judgment of **Believers** the **Judgment Seat of Christ for Reward**II Corinthians 5:10
 - iv. Judgment of Unbelievers Great White Throne Judgment for Reckoning Revelation 20:11

What does that mean?

• Reckoning - punishment for sin

How can Peace with God be Grown?

1st - Saved - Relationship Established with God

2nd - Serve - Faithful Fellowship with God

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)