

Christ's Peace Becoming Our Peace!

The whole life of our Lord was characterized by a composure, a calm, a self-possession, and divine serenity that we know nothing or little about. The Lord Jesus had an abiding and abounding peace that nothing could in the least disturb. He was always sure of Himself, and of the happy outcome of whatever events occurred, no matter how disturbing they might appear. Nothing could take away His personal peace.

He Had Peace In the Midst of Great Peril.

The peace of Christ was manifested by His perfect calm and confidence in an hour of apparent great peril. In Mark 4:37-40 we read of the turbulent storm on the Lake of Galilee. This story is also given to us in Matthew 8:23-26 and Luke 8:22-25.

The boat, with the disciples, was on the lake headed to the other side when a tremendous storm of wind came upon them. This sea is known for its unusual swift storms and peril. The disciples were beside themselves with fear. Our Lord was not only perfectly calm and fearless, but even asleep. He was surprised at their fear when they awakened Him crying out for Him to rescue them.

A great calm now lay upon the bosom of the sea so recently a raging storm. It would normally taken hours for the sea's waves to subside into a great calm, but they did immediately as Christ commanded the sea. The wild, stormy Galilee was calm because of the power and provision of the Master. As His heart and spirit was utterly calm with perfect peace, so now the waters manifested that spirit within Him of perfect peace.

Tests come to the Christian as we all experience, heartaches, heart rending situations, trials difficult to bear, and in the midst of these the Lord offers His peace, a peace that passeth understanding that can be ours (Phil. 4:4-7). Paul sitting in prison surely knew this peace personally, and had written, "*rejoice, and again I say, rejoice.*"

The Lord Jesus Had Peace in the Midst of Overwhelming Sorrow.

(Mark 5:35-42) The quiet, calm, confidence of Christ in the midst of crushing calamity and overwhelming sorrow for others whom He loved, and for whom He was burdened is a precious truth indeed. Jarius came to the Lord Jesus deeply burdened for his daughter who was ill, next to death. The Lord was delayed as a woman came, pressing through the crowd, deeply desiring, if she could, just to touch the hem of His garment so she could be healed. I can imagine this father being a bit perturbed when Christ was delayed. Here, Jarius in extreme sorrow, having great grief, soon had all hope dashed to the ground. A messenger came that his daughter was dead, that he ought not trouble the Master.

Yes, from the human standpoint all hope was gone and there was no possibly answer, death had come, why trouble the Rabbi further? The case was closed and weeping and wailing was the result. Christ commanded them to fear not, only believe, but those around them at the home of Jarius laughed Christ to scorn. He put them forth, taking the parents and the inner circle of disciples into the room with the girl, and awakens her from death. Christ had perfect peace, quite confidence in the Father. His perfect peace can be ours.

The Lord Jesus Offers His Perfect Peace.

One of my personal favorite verses is found in John 14:27 where we read, *"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you, not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."* A number of times Jesus spoke peace to His disciples, and in varied circumstances. In fact a number of these were spoken after His death and resurrection.

For us today He offers His perfect and powerful peace. ***He want us to know His peace, a peace that would keep the soul from anxiety, fears, doubts, worries, anguish, anxiousness, turbulence, and unrest.*** Do we personally experience such peace and calmness of heart, soul and life? Do we exhibit to the saved around us and to the unsaved as well, the peace of heart that God desires we would have even when cancer strikes us, or any other kind of bad news or event?

Ah, friends, readers of this small article, it is God's desire for us to live in the calm of His care, the peace that is His -- a peace that was never, never disturbed -- a perfect peace while He lived and suffered on this sin-cursed earth. May His peace be your experience!