

**FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT--PEACE**

(Galatians 5:22,23)

**INTRODUCTION:**

- A. This peace is same peace Jesus promised. John 14:27
  - 1. It is a parting bequest to the disciples.
  - 2. They had given up all the world had to offer. Now they are left to an unfriendly world.
  - 3. Jesus could not leave them houses, land, or money. Matt.8:20
  - 4. Even the work given them was without safety promised.
  - 5. But Jesus could give them what they truly would need and what disciples still desperately need--peace.
- B. Jesus promised this as he faced the cross.
  - 1. Promise made as they now could see the peace Christ enjoyed as he faced death.
  - 2. He had no bitterness toward His enemies, but inner peace.

**II. THE SOURCE OF THIS PEACE.**

- A. Jesus said "MY peace I given unto you."
  - 1. The peace which had enabled Jesus to face danger without anxiety and without fear, but calmly.
  - 2. Jesus desired this disposition for his followers.
- B. Jesus had this peace by self-sacrifice and unfaltering obedience to the Father's will. John 5:30; John 8:29

**III. HOW IS THIS PEACE BESTOWED?**

- A. Jesus does not give as the world gives. John 16:33
  - 1. World seeks the peace of ease, Christ gives the peace of struggle--the harder we fight the more satisfied we become. 2 Cor. 11:23-28; 2 Cor. 7:4; 2 Cor. 12:7-10
  - 2. World seeks peace of self-contentment, Christ gives peace of self-sacrifice. Matt. 16:24-26
  - 3. World offers peace of plenty, Jesus teaches man is more than possessions. Luke 12:15-21
- B. Jesus gives us peace by bringing us to the same source of peace from which he obtained his. Phil.3:7-11; 2 Tim. 1:12; 2 Tim. 4:6-8
- C. The peace of Christ reaches the heart and conscience, brought through knowing one is in Christ and faithful.
- D. The peace of the Lord brings us into peace with the faithful. Col.3:12-15; Isa.11:6-9

**IV. THE POWER OF THE LORD'S PEACE.**

- A. This peace is an antidote for all our dismay and despondency. John 14:1-6; Phil. 4:6,7
- B. This peace is superior to all outward circumstances--all that the world tries to do to separate us from our peace fails. Rom. 8:31-39; I Cor. 10:13; Rom. 8:28; Heb. 13:5
- C. This peace always keeps the heart pure and clean. Prov. 4:23

**V. CONCLUSION:**

- A. Are you at peace with God?
- B. The only true peace to be found is in Christ.

**FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT--LONGSUFFERING**

(Galatians 5:22,23)

**INTRODUCTION:**

- A. Longsuffering is "Forbearance, patience, to bear with, to be long tempered."
- B. We need the patience of a good fisherman.

**I. EXAMPLES OF LONGSUFFERING AND PATIENCE.**

- A. Abraham. Heb. 6:15
- B. Job. James 5:10,11
- C. Christ. I Peter 2:20-25
- D. John. Rev. 1:9
- E. Church at Ephesus. Rev. 2:2,3
- F. Church at Thyatira. Rev. 2:19
- G. Church at Thessalonica. 2 Thess. 1:4

**II. EXAMPLES OF IMPATIENCE.**

- A. Moses. Numbers 20:8-12
- B. Naaman. 2 Kings 5:1-12
- C. Jonah. Jonah 4:8,9
- D. Disciples of Jesus. Matt. 15:21-28
- E. Disciples at Samaria. Luke 9:51-54
- F. Martha toward Mary. Luke 10:40

**III. GOD IS NOTED FOR HIS LONGSUFFERING AND PATIENCE. Ex. 34:6;**

- Num. 14:18; Psa. 86:15
- A. God spared Israel. Ezek. 20:17
- B. God was longsuffering in the days of Noah. I Pet. 3:20
- C. God is longsuffering to us today. Rom. 2:1-4; 2 Peter 3:9; 2 Peter 3:15

**IV. CHRISTIANS MUST BE LONGSUFFERING TO PLEASE GOD.**

- A. We must be longsuffering in our homes.
- B. In soul-winning. 2 Tim. 4:2
  - 1. Aquilla and Priscilla. Acts 18:24-28; I Thess. 5:14
- C. In church growth. I Cor. 3:6
- D. In prayer. Luke 18:1
- E. In waiting for the Lord's return. Heb. 10:35,36

**CONCLUSION:**

- A. Our longsuffering will be rewarded. Matt. 10:22; Gal. 6:9; Rom. 2:7 Heb. 6:12 Jam. 1:12
- B. For these reasons we ought to be longsuffering.

# NEWS AND NOTES

“I was sick, and ye visited me...” (Matthew 25:36)

*Please look to the elders for any and all updates to the announcements this week. Martha and I are in West Virginia today and are not able to identify those who may be sick and in need of our prayers. Please consider the list of sick and pray for all of them this week.*

*Please remember to check the bulletin boards for additional ones on our prayer request list who are sick and confined.*

## Upcoming Events:

*New Family Bible Study Questions* are on the *Missions Table* in the foyer for everyone to pick up and use. *Ukraine Mission Buckets* for April are TBA.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

*Gospel Meeting* -- April 23-26, 2023 with Jared Knoll from Wing, Alabama.  
*Vacation Bible School* -- June 11-14, 2023 Theme for 2023: “Under God’s Construction”  
*Ladies Day* honoring all the ladies 65 and over -- July 29, 2023  
*Gospel Meeting* – October 22-25, 2023 with Kenny Townsley from Cave City, Arkansas.  
*Gospel Meeting* – April 21-24, 2024 with Micah Robertson from Ronan, Montana.

### Those Privileged To Serve April 9, 2023

#### SUNDAY MORNING

Song Leader: Scottie Blanchard  
 Opening Prayer: Stan Honeycutt  
 Closing Prayer: David Dye  
 Bible Reading: David Loggins  
 Preacher: Mike Felts

#### LORD’S TABLE

**Presiding:** Dan Nichols  
 Larry Taylor Scott Pratt  
 Tristan Pynn Robert Stephens  
 Mitch Mosley Tom Carner

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Randy Oden

#### SUNDAY EVENING

Song Leader: Mark Wooten  
 Opening Prayer: Mark Brewer  
 Closing Prayer: Reginald Read  
 Preacher: J. L. May

#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT

April 12, 2023

Song Leader: Ben Johns  
 Opening Prayer: Scottie Blanchard  
 Closing Prayer: Jerry Dodson

#### DEVOTIONAL SPEAKER

April 12, 2023  
 Stacy Eddleman

### NUMBERS FOR THE WEEK Week Of April 2, 2023

Sunday Bible Study  
 Sunday AM Worship  
 Sunday PM Worship  
 Wednesday Bible Study  
 Contribution \$

**“Take good heed  
 therefore unto  
 yourselves, that ye  
 love the LORD your  
 God.”  
 Joshua 23:11**

# The Friend of Truth



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## KeeNotes

It is human nature to worry and be anxious over things we can't control. Times can be uncertain and uneasy, but what can we do to find peace through it all? Let's explore a few scriptures we can use to find our peace in the face of tough times.

Romans 8:28 KJV reads " And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." This scripture reminds me that God is in charge of all things, and we must stay focused on loving and serving the Lord in all that we do. This way we can overcome any adversity.

Let's also explore James 1:2-4 KJV, " My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing." Our father in heaven will always provide for us. It is easy to be concerned about our worldly wants and needs, but if you think about it deeply, hasn't our heavenly Father always taken care of your needs? He certainly has for me! And It would be safe to say he has for you as well.

In closing, Colossians 2:6-7 KJV " As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving." When we strive to be firmly "rooted" in Christ, that means we love and trust in him down to our core. And with that foundation, we can overcome any obstacles!

*(copied and adapted)*

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#### SERVICES

##### SUNDAY

Classes 9:00 a.m.  
 Worship 10:00 a.m.  
 5:00 p.m.

##### WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

#### What Must I Do To Be Saved?

**Hear** the Word of God  
 Romans 10:17

**Believe** the Word of God  
 John 8:24

**Repent** of your sins  
 Luke 13:3

**Confess** your faith in Jesus  
 as the Son of God  
 Romans 10:9,10

**Be Baptized** for the  
 remission of your sins  
 Acts 2:38

**Live faithfully**  
 Revelation 2:10

*“For we are laborers  
 together with God...”*  
 (I Cor. 3:9)

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 In 2023**