

Calm Amidst Chaos - Part 2

God's Peace - Your Peace

Learn to be calm by having peace _____ God

"Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand." (Romans 5:1-2a)

Learn to be calm by having the peace _____ God

From Philippians 4:

... Rejoice in the Lord always. (v.4)

... Do not be anxious about anything. (v.6)

... In every situation present your requests to God. (v.6)

... And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:7)

Other notes:

What can I do today to have peace with God and to have the peace of God?

Devotional/Discussion Guide

- Begin with prayer. If you are in a group, this is important and if you are by yourself, it is equally important. Ask God to guide your time.
- Read Philippians 4:4-7. These are verses that Max Lucado's book, *Anxious for Nothing*, are based on and which our sermon series is based on. In fact, read them daily. And, after the series is over, keep going back to them to stay on track with being calm in a chaotic world.
- In order to have the peace of God, we first must have peace with God. These two prepositions, "with" and "of," are very important. Read Romans 5:1-2a on the opposite side under the first point. What does this mean to you?

- The word “justified” can easily be summarized as: “*just as if I had never sinned.*” Based on Romans, how is this possible? And, based on this, when did you (personally) begin to have peace with God? How does this matter in your life?
- The Philippians reading from chapter 4 is basically a formula for having the peace *of* God. Again, these two little prepositions matter. To have the peace of God, you first have to have *with* God. Now that you have that; how do you “get” the peace of God. (Hint: look under the second point for the “formula.”). How do you think this works? Does it work? Has it worked for you? Share how it has with your group.
- How do you think it was possible for Horatio Spafford, who wrote “It Is Well,” to have the kind of peace he had after all he went through? (If you weren’t in church, Google his name and the song to read more about him and his life’s storms.)
- What storms have or are you going through? Is it, or was it, more than chaos? Did you have peace? Why or why not? How are things now?
- God wants you to have peace. He wants that for all his people. Why? What could you do this week to grow in His peace?
- Close your time with prayer. Pray not only for yourselves but for the needs of your group, family, this church and school as well please.