

The Day of Pentecost - The Coming of the Holy Spirit

Sermon Road Map

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John 14:25-27

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Welcome the Spirit who cultivates the peace the world can't give.

Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give. Prayer of Peace

❖ Peace the world wants

- No hostility - No drama, chaos, tragedy, disasters
- Prosperity, get along. No hunger, needy, sickness. Life runs smooth.
- *A heaven on earth?* Never happening here
- Note: The world's peace - change the circumstances - surroundings
 - ◆ If I can't change it: find *peace* in denial, distraction, drugs
 - ◆ The longing for peace (trouble free) is strong

To his *troubled* and *fear-filled* disciples (peace threatened) Jesus offered his peace and a Helper to cultivate his peace - the Holy Spirit.

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Jesus' peace - not change surroundings. It changes us.

❖ Jesus' **peace is a reality**, not a feeling or experience!

- Jesus, in the act of giving Peace, by giving himself for reconciliation.
 - ◆ He reconciled us to God by his blood. Guilt paid. God no longer hostile!
 - ◆ Peace accomplished - Eternal reality - Unchanging
- The news of Jesus' peace penetrate our hearts - ending our hostility
 - ◆ By the gospel, the Holy Spirit creates our friendly to God new self
 - ◆ **Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,** ² *because through Christ Jesus the law (rule) of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law (rule) of sin and death.* ⁶ *The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.*
 - ◆ By Jesus' work - **peace is a reality** - in heaven and in his people.
 - Our problem: we **forget** the reality or **don't** fully **get** its meaning

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❖ Jesus provides the perfect Helper - the Advocate Holy Spirit

- *the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name,*
 - ◆ Name = reputation = reveal reputation = revealed word
 - ◆ The Spirit comes in the Word of Christ

• The Spirit's work:

- ◆ **...will teach you all things**
 - Know by heart, be enlightened, perceive correctly, train to use well
 - **All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.** 2 Timothy 3:16,17
 - Here's a lifetime of work - cultivating Jesus' peace - mining it
- ◆ **...will remind you of everything I have said to you.**
 - Well timed recall of comforting reality
 - In *peace-threatening* temporary surrounding - corrects perspective
 - **Jesus is my God:** protecting, guiding, working for my good!
 - Peace prospers purposely pondering his promises.
 - **Note: not** a promise for direct guidance or revelation
 - Listen to what Jesus said. Know his teachings.
 - Peace: from knowing God's **heart** and his reputation as **steadfast**

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❖ Example 1: *Living waiting for the next crisis - just my luck*

- A perspective controlled by focusing on fear - *faith* in the negative
- Crisis management by anticipation and rallying resources
- Ignores Jesus promises and instructions for faith, positive hope, peace
- Train in truth. Train to short-circuit negative perspective. Replace...

❖ Example 2: Guilt jumps out like going through a *haunted house* at fair

- When bad happens: *It's all my fault.*
- Other speak - things happen - guilt rushes in
- Why? We're guilty. Tender conscience. Trained in a family of guilt...
- Justification: *declared guilt free.* Believe it. Guilt not in charge. Peace!
 - ◆ When at fault: Acknowledge sin, **not** try to pay for it. Forgiven = peace
 - ◆ When being *guilted*: don't stand on your righteousness, but Christ's
 - Refuse delivery of guilt. Stand on Jesus.
 - Consider if I've given an impression of sin - to help others
 - Peace found not just in *guiltless*, but in perspective professes peace

❖ Peace is the reality Jesus gives - the Spirit applies, fills in

- It's **not** the **feeling**. It's the **reality!** When experienced touches feelings
- Peace: the state of wholeness or health living with God
 - ◆ As you grow more Christ-like, see life with God's perspective
 - ◆ Christ's gift of peace will dominate and enrich, by the Spirit.

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