

Ruling Peace

(Jn 14:27) Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

context: Promise of Holy Spirit (internal)

His Supernatural Peace vs world's circumstantial peace

Conflict: active aggression of Worry/Anxiety & Fear (circumstances)

because His is in our Heart, it is independent of circumstances

on us to not let Worry/Anxiety & Fear Rule our Heart (not random, always available)

What are you experiencing more? How do we experience more of His Peace?

(Phl 4:4-9) ⁴Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! ⁵Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. ⁶Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; ⁷and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things. ⁹The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

Promise: His Supernatural Peace guarding your Heart & Mind (7) - from anxiety & fear
His Peaceful Presence with you (9)

Condition: don't ever be anxious (6) - don't accept (profound attack)

How? Lifestyle of **Worship** (4), Choose to practice **Gentleness** (5)

Lifestyle of **Prayer** with **Thanksgiving** (6) - Big Three (1 Thes 5:16-18)

put cares in His Hands (1 Pe 5:7) - vs control of outcome

Learn to Think (8 Mind) and Act (9 Heart) like Him (1 Cor 11:1) - Word (↓)

how we fight anxiety (2 Cor 10:3-5, Isa 26:3)

(Col 3:14-17) ¹⁴But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. ¹⁵And **let** the peace of God rule (arbiter/umpire) in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. ¹⁷And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Condition: let His Peace Rule our Hearts (15) - Practice (future), being led by His Spirit
(Isa 9:7) Of the increase of His government and peace (shalom) there will be no end
coming under His Rule and experiencing His Peace are inseparable (15)

How? Believe you are Loved, and Choose to practice **Love** (14)

value His **Word** Dwelling in you (16) - Meditate (Ps 1:2)

Desire His Government to Increase in your Heart (17) - not just peace (self govern)

worldly solutions for peace vs godly actions - His internal peace better

letting His Peace Rule our Hearts means letting His Ways Control us