

***The Spirit of Freedom- VI* - The Fruit of the Spirit is Peace**

Galatians 5:22 (KJV) ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

Introduction:

There is the fruit of peace (Eirene). It means to bind together, to join, to weave together. It means that a person is bound, woven together with himself and with God and others.

The Hebrew word is Shalom. It means freedom from trouble and much more.

It means experiencing the Highest good, enjoying the very best possible.

It means possessing the most inner good possible.

It means wholeness and soundness.

It means prosperity in the widest sense, especially prosperity in a spiritual sense of having a soul that blossoms and flourishes.

There is a peace in the world.

This peace is escapism, of avoiding trouble, of refusing to face things, of unreality. It is a peace that is sought through pleasure, satisfaction, and contentment, the absence of trouble, positive thinking, or denial of problems.

Romans 14:17 (KJV) ¹⁷ For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Romans 8:6 explains exactly where peace comes from: ⁶ "For to set the mind on the flesh is death, **but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.**"

1: there is a peace of Christ and of God:

- It is a bosom peace, a peace deep within.
- It is a tranquility of mind & composure.
- A restfulness that is undisturbed by circumstances or situations.
- It is more than feelings, it is more than an attitude or thought.

2: It's "perfect peace," according to Isaiah 26:3. (KJV)

- ³ **Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace,**

- Whose mind is stayed on thee:
- Because he trusteth in thee.

a. As we allow the Spirit to develop this fruit in us, we will have real peace with God and with each other.

Q: For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink: (Tangible ... Indifferent things)

So what is the Kingdom of God and the fruit of the association in that Kingdom?

A: righteousness, and peace, and joy ...in the Holy Ghost.

3: The peace of God is the peace of conquest:

- The peace that is independent of conditions or environment
- The peace which no sorrow, danger, or suffering can take away

John 14:27 ²⁷ 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.

John 16:33 ³³ These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

4: The Peace of God is Assurance:

Romans 8:28 ²⁸ 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 peace is unquestionable confidence and a sure knowledge that one's life is in God's hands.

5: The Peace of God is the peace of Intimacy:

- It is Peace found only in reconciliation with and through Jesus Christ.

Closing:

- A man must be bound, woven, joined together with himself in order to have peace.
- A man must be bound, woven, joined together with God in order to have peace.
- A man must be bound, woven, joined together with his fellow man to have peace.

Ephesians 2:13-19 ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

¹⁴ For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;

¹⁵ Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, **so making peace**;

¹⁶ And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:

¹⁷ And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.

¹⁸ For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

¹⁹ Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God;