

NO PEACE

Time and time again I've been asked, "Pastor, how can I find peace in my life?" My answer is always the same, "You will never find peace until you have tuned into the will of God." Finding the will of God is like using a radio receiver, you must tune into the right frequency before you can hear what is being transmitted. The word of God provides the frequency that represents your circumstances. Once you've tuned into that frequency you get to know the will of God, and as a result, receive **peace**. So many people keep trying to find peace outside of God's will, and this is a fruitless exercise. Doing your own thing is not the way to find peace! Proverbs 16:7 says, *"When a man's ways please the Lord, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him."*

It is interesting that whenever the words "mercy" and "peace" are found together in the Bible they always appear in that order. Mercy is the demonstration of God's love, peace is the resulting experience in the heart of man. Mercy is God's attitude toward those who are in distress, peace is the emotion His rescue brings about. Mercy removes the burden of guilt, peace is evidence of the Spirit's ministry. Thank God for His mercy because it makes way for His peace. In the Old Testament, the same word is used for "peace" and "wholeness," which confirms how important peace is to our health and well-being. Psalm 4:8 says, *"In perfect peace I will both lie down and sleep."* If you are having trouble sleeping, it's probably because you don't have peace. So why let the devil steal your health by stealing your peace? The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, can flood your mind and heart through Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:7). What's more, the peace from God, can permeate into every area of your life and create an environment that is conducive to heaven itself.

When talking about the Holy Spirit in John 14, the Lord Jesus also mentioned the gift of peace, *"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"* (verse 27). There is a direct correlation between the blessed Holy Spirit and the gift of peace that Jesus spoke of. I am convinced that part of the Holy Spirit's ministry is to manifest this "gift" in the heart of every believer. If you are ever troubled, if you are afraid, if you can't find rest, there is a divine "gift" (given to you) that takes care of everything! And there is someone, the Holy Spirit, who is ever-ready to manifest that gift in your heart and mind. Remember this truth, hold onto it, and your life will be enriched.

Grace, mercy, and peace from God be with you always.