

SERMON DATE: June 13, 2021

SERMON SERIES: Peace Be Still

SERMON TITLE: How to Experience the God of Peace

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE

Philippians 4:8-9

⁸ Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things. ⁹ The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

INTRODUCTION

True peace has its source in God alone. God is the God of peace. Where God is, there is peace. God is the **source** of peace. God is the **substance** of peace. God is the **sustainer** of peace.

SUMMARY STATEMENT

The God of Peace enables us to experience His peace.

The God of Peace in the New Testament

Paul uses the title “God of Peace” at least five times in the New Testament. These uses give us insight into why Paul referred to God as the God of Peace.

(Philippians 4:9)

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SERMON NOTES

1. God is a God of Peace because of His Presence. (Romans 15:33)

Now the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

2. God is the God of Peace because He is our Protector. (Romans 16:20)

The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

3. God is the God of Peace because He purifies and preserves us. (1 Thessalonians 5:23)

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

4. God is the God of Peace because He provides for us. (Hebrews 13:20-21)

Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep ^[9]through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord, ²¹equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Prerequisites for Experiencing the God of Peace

Observation #1: Fix your mind on that which is true rather than that which is false.

Observation #2: Fix your mind on that which is genuine rather than that which is fake.

Observation #3: Fix your mind on that which is pure rather than that which is defiled.

Observation #4: Fix your mind more on grace than on justice.

Observation #5: Fix your mind on that which is commendable rather than that which is deplorable.

Three Encouraging Realities

Reality #1: God is the Source of our Peace (John 14:16-18)

¹⁶ I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; ¹⁷ *that is* the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, *but* you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

Reality #2: God is the Substance of our Peace (Ephesians 2:13-15)

¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For He Himself is our peace, who made both *groups into* one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, ¹⁵ by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, *which is* the Law of commandments *contained* in ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, *thus* establishing peace,

Reality #3: God is the Sustainer of our Peace (Isaiah 26:3-4)

³ “The steadfast of mind You will keep in perfect peace,
Because he trusts in You.

⁴ “Trust in the LORD forever,