

Today's Scripture Reflection

Colossians 3:15 (KJV) And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

Weekly Bible Reading

Old Testament

- Psalm 29:11
- Isaiah 26:3; 57:15-19

New Testament

- John 14:27; 16:33
- Romans 14:17; 15:13
- Ephesians 2:12-18
- Philippians 4:7
- 1 Corinthians 7:15

And let the peace (soul harmony which comes) from Christ rule (act as umpire continually) in your hearts [deciding and settling with finality all questions that arise in your minds, in that peaceful state] to which as [members of Christ's] one body you were also called [to live]. And be thankful (appreciative), [giving praise to God always]. -- **Colossians 3:15 (AMP)**

To better understand what the Spirit is saying to the church, we must clearly see the directions given in the preceding three verses as well as the context of verse 15. The context of these four verses is the **"correct" response to fellow believers and to thoughts that arise in our minds.** The saint of God must be clothed inwardly with heart felt mercy that is seen in many ways; kindness; humility that affects our thoughts and attitudes; gentleness; endurance; and charity. The saints' inward attire must be allowed to govern how we put up with one another, forgive each other, and rollback the effect of quarrels in line with the Spirit of Christ. Resisting this inward work of the Holy Ghost only leads to divisions and undermines our capacity for perfection in the body of Christ.

We resist by our failure to "put on" the garment provided by the Lord, and our unwillingness to yield to the requirements and restrictions of the saint's spiritual garment. Knowing that we have a choice concerning this victorious living, we should say yes completely to the one who is the author and finisher of our faith.

We are not instructed to "put on" the peace of God but to "let" the peace of God. Those things that must be "put on" are received and held by acting on the Word of God. Those things that we must "let" are received by divine impartation at spiritual birth. The peace with God and the peace of God is placed IN us when Jesus becomes Lord of our lives. This kind of divine peace is awesomely powerful. This divine peace can act as an umpire of our lives to declare truth (the mind of the Father) in every matter. The Amplified Bible describes the peace of God **as having the capacity to decide and settle with finality all questions that arise in our minds.**

When we have issues with one another, the peace of God is able to declare the matter. When we have issues of life, the peace of God is able to declare the matter. The peace of God is the voice to whom we

must turn to declare God's truth as we deal with the facts of life. Unlike the baseball umpire who is sometimes wrong when he declares the batter's action as a "ball" or "strike" or "out", the umpire of peace is never wrong. The peace of God is always right and well able to issue a ruling in every area of our lives.

If the peace of God has yet to rule, WAIT until the peace of God hands down a "ruling" on the matter!

The word from the Lord is "let" the peace of God act as umpire continually in your hearts. Your confession of faith must be, "I will let God's peace rule in this matter!" If the peace of God has yet to rule, WAIT until the peace of God hands down a "ruling" on the matter!

The peace of God will rule on the dispute as well as the affliction.

The peace of God will rule on the quarrel as well as the financial fallout.

The peace of God will rule on the unforgiveness as well as the medical report.

Don't let the odds intimidate you, child of God. In the body of Christ, we are called to divine peace. Literally, we are called to LIVE IN PEACE. Let's submit to it in the fear of the Lord and make our home in Him who is our peace.

Only the peace of God is able to decide and settle with finality all questions that have and will arise in our minds. Worry, fretting and confusion are just a few of the symptoms that a matter is not decided or settle.

The peace of God is the unmatched antidote for fear with its symptoms of worry, fretting and confusion. It stands as a conquering warrior to silence the voice of fear and declare that God has done it again. Man's peace is temporary, but divine peace is with finality.

Now you say,

***"I turn my ear from the voices in the crowd
to the irrevocable voice of God.***

He speaks to me through the umpire that He has placed within.

I HAVE HIS PEACE!"