

The Spiritual Christian's Potential Harmonious-Glorious Life Style
Part Four

Directing Peace When In Trials or Temptations

Introduction: The Christian is never without some aspect of divine enabling from the Triune God, 1 John 3:9; Heb. 135; John 14:16.

I. **Fruit of The Spirit Peace**

A. **PEACE:** is a supernatural aspect of the Fruit of the Spirit providing an unruffled mind that is able to confront circumstances or any eventuality to the Triune God's glory, John 14:27. It must be utilized and righteously directed by the spiritual Christian.

Note: Matt. 8:23-27; Mark 4:36-41; and Luke 8:22-25 are not examples or illustrations concerning the spiritual Christian's Fruit of the Spirit peace!

B. Scriptural Greek Words:

1. Peace ~ **eivrh,nh** : Eph. 2:17; John 14:27
2. Be at Peace ~ **eivrhneu,w** : 2 Cor. 13:11; 1 Th. 5:13
3. Making Peace ~ **eivrhnoioie,w** : Col. 1:20
4. Peace Makers ~ **eivrhnoio,j** : Mt. 5:9
5. Peaceable (characterized by peace) ~ **eivrhniko,j** : Heb. 12:11; Ja. 3:17

C. Distinctions Regarding Peace:

1. Peace *between* Men – Rom. 12:18; 1 Tim. 2:2
2. Peace *with* God – Rom. 5:1 (pro.j) “facing God”
3. Peace *of* God – 1 Th. 5:23; Col. 3:15
4. Peace *of* the World System – John 14:27
5. Peace *within* Satan's Children – 1 Th. 5:3; 1 John. 5:19; cf. no peaceful rest for the wicked, Isaiah 57:20, 21.
6. Peace *belonging* to the Body of Christ – Eph. 2:14-18; Col. 1:20-22
7. Peace *concerning* the reconciliation of all things – Col. 1:20

D. Giving of Peace:

1. Christ gives peace through the sending of the Holy Spirit. This is after: His resurrection; His glorification; the presentation of His blood to the Father in the third heaven; His asking the Father to send the Holy Spirit; the baptizing of believers into the Body of Christ the Church; the indwelling of the Triune God in believers; the Spirit filling of Believers, John 14:27 (note the promise to both “*leave peace*” and “*give the gift of my peace*”)
2. The World System gives a gift of peace to individuals through Satanic manipulation of possessions and events; thus the giving of the Worlds peace is purely *circumstantial*.

II. Directing Peace In Trials And Temptations

- A. Worry/Anxiety – Phil. 4:4-7
- B. Agitation – John 14:1-6
- C. Fear – 1 John 4:18-19
- D. Cowardness – 1 Tim. 1:7; Eph. 6:10-18
- E. Unrighteous determinations – Phil. 4:7

Conclusion: The Christian is never without some aspect of divine enabling from the Triune God, 1 John 3:9; Heb. 135; John 14:16. However the Christian must respond to that enabling by utilizing it in righteousness. Christians are co-workers *with* God!

Thus, *righteously directing the Fruit of the Spirit PEACE* in trials and temptations will focus the spiritual Christian’s mind towards the Triune God’s promises for the Christian, and utilizing God’s gracious provisions in His previously ordained godly good works, 1 Pet. 1:3-9.